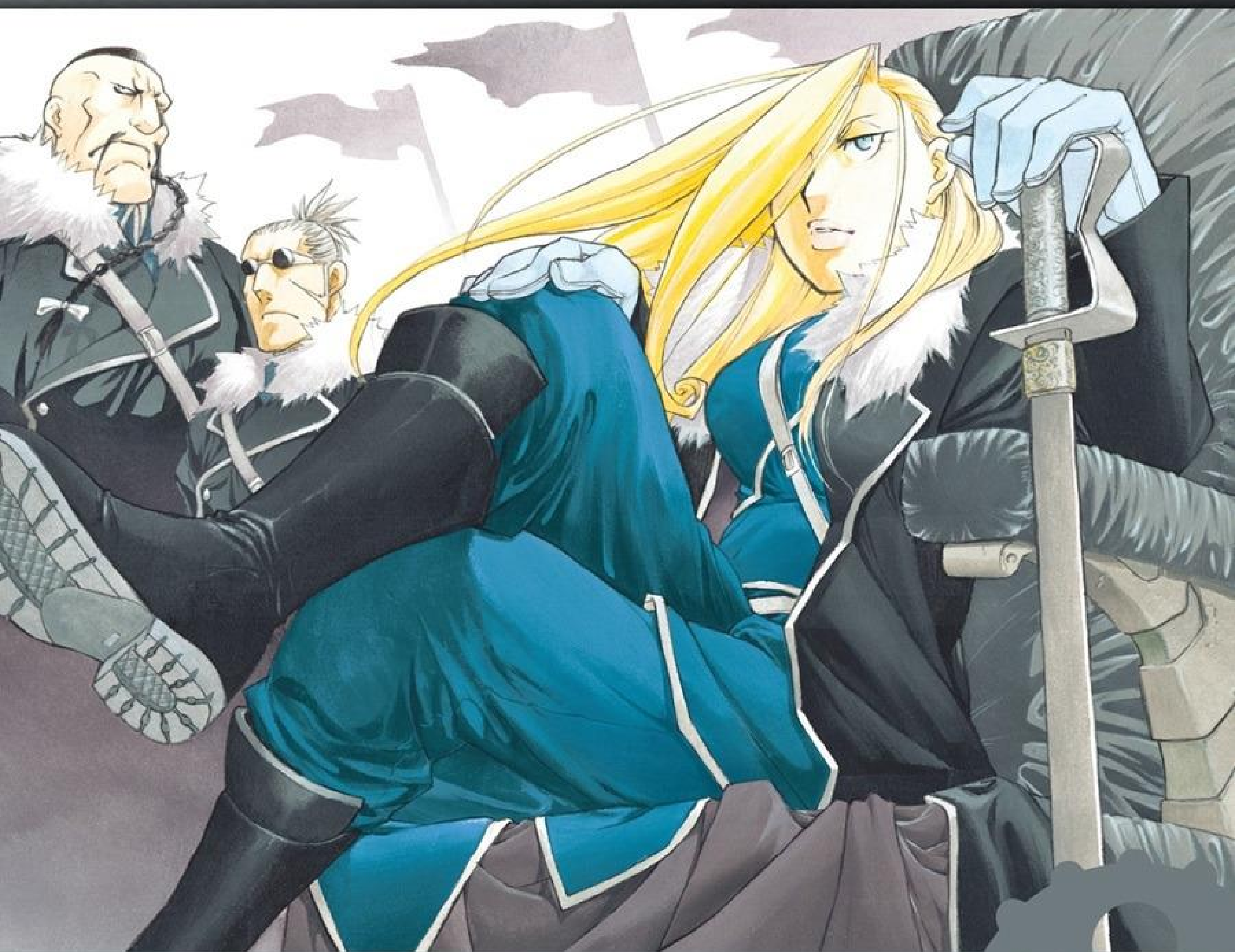
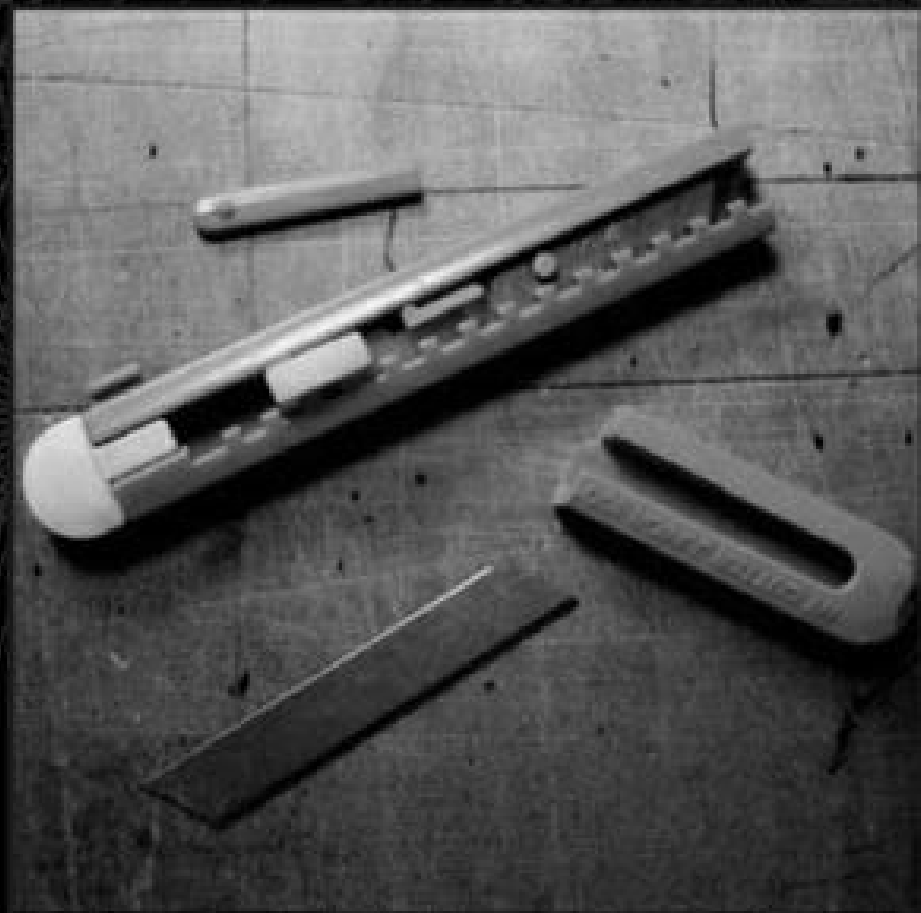


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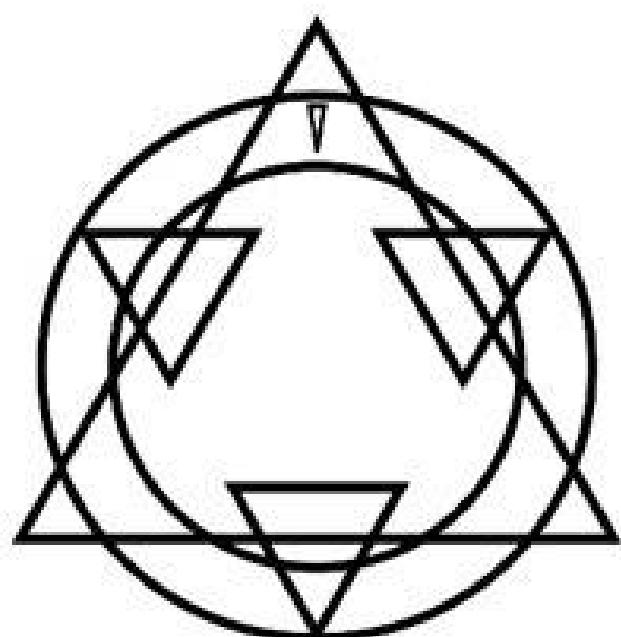
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When I tried to break the old blade off, I broke the whole utility blade.

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2007



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ALCHEMIST



鋼の錬金術師
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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荒川弘

HIROMU

ARAKAWA

CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ リザ・ホークアイ

Riza Hawkeye



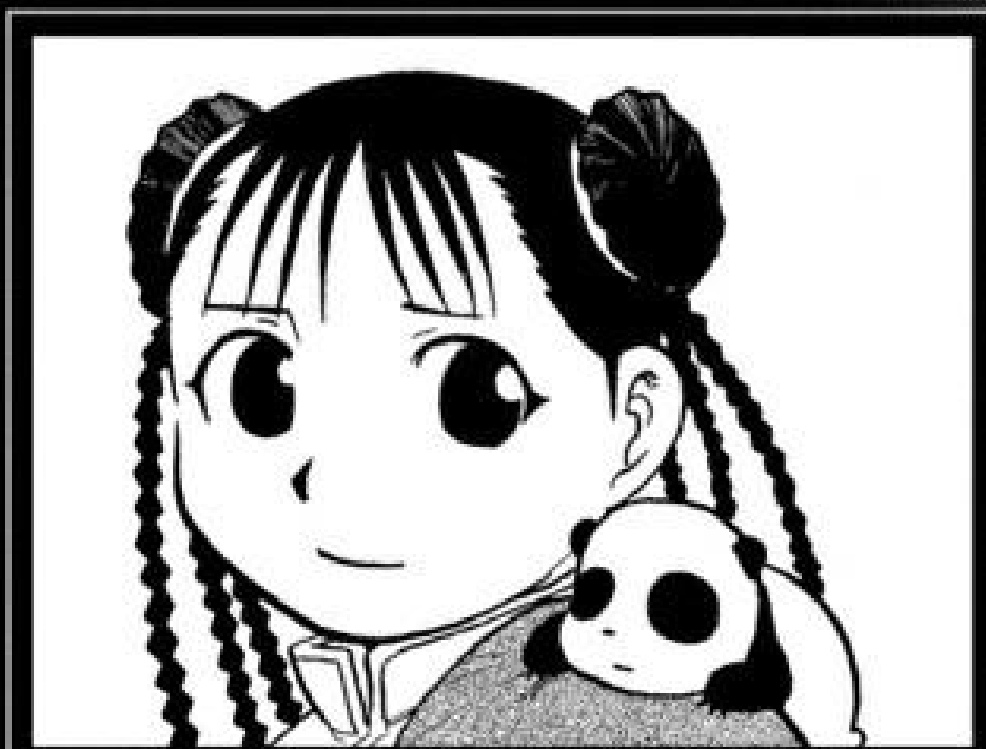
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King Bradley



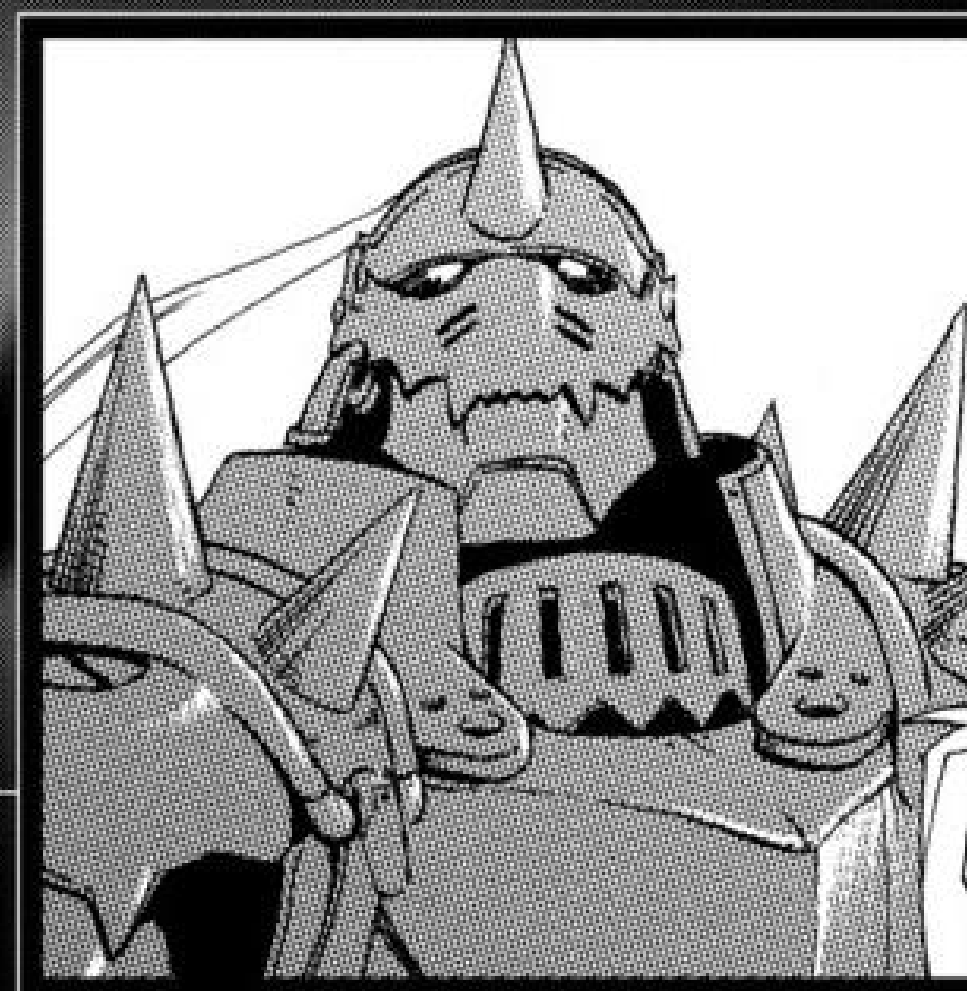
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Solf J. Kimblee



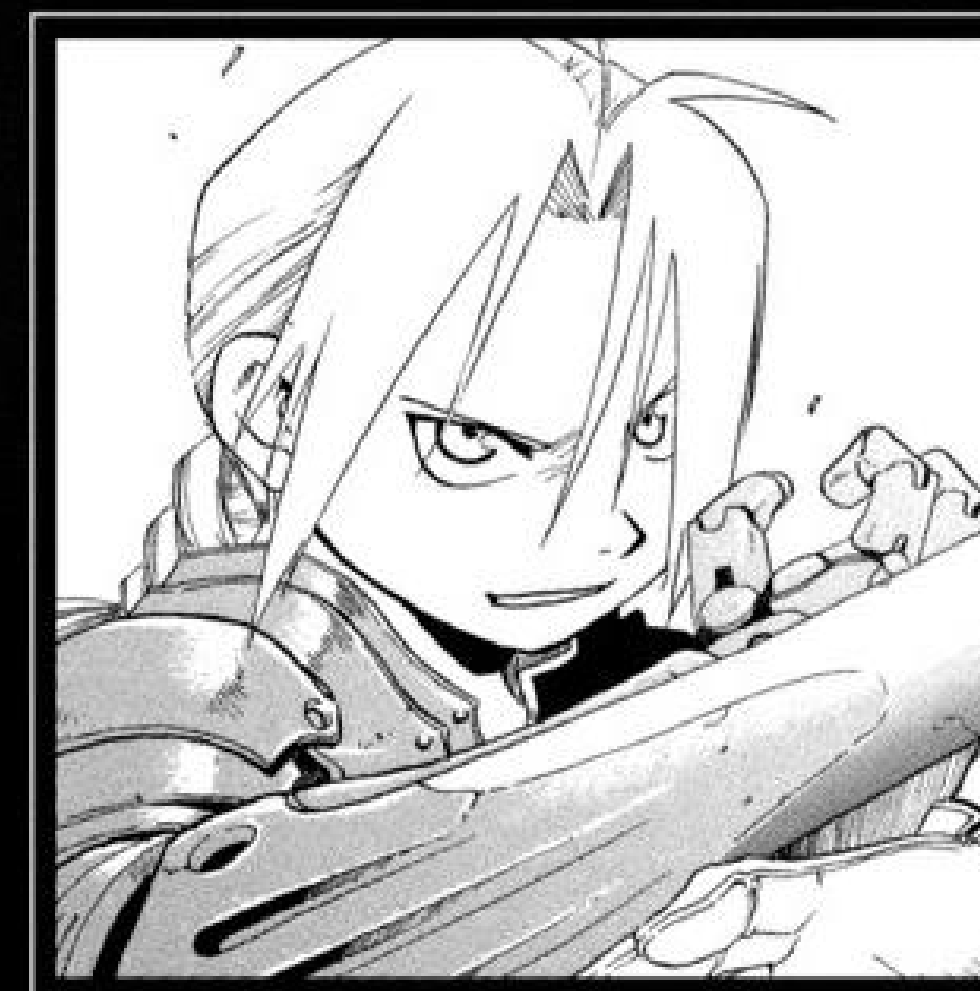
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May Chang



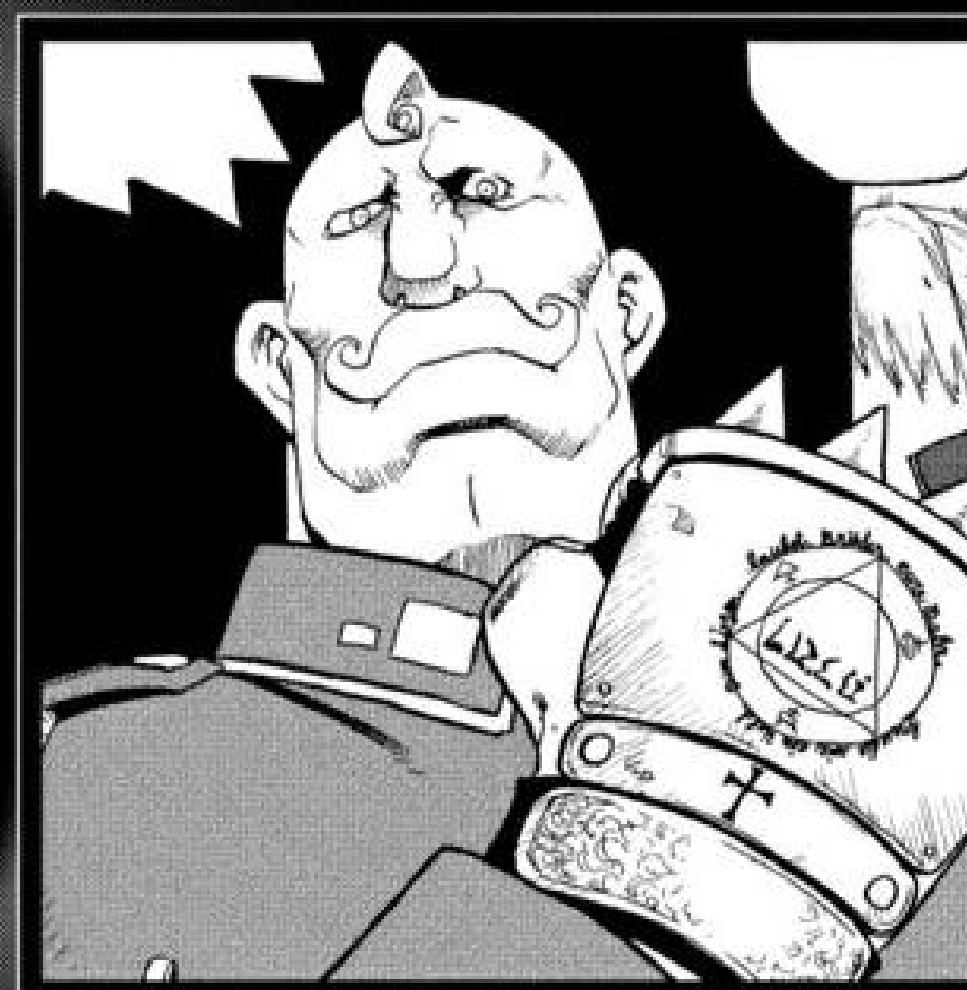
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Alphonse Elric



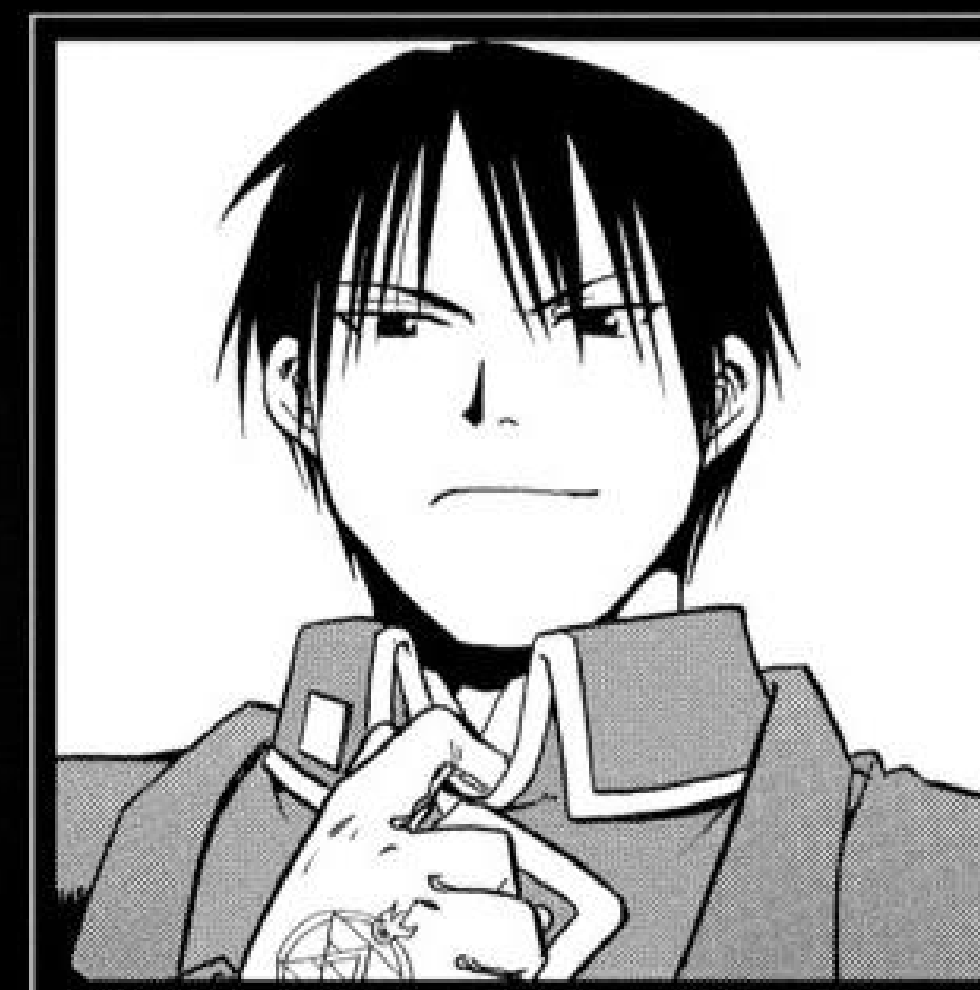
□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・レイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

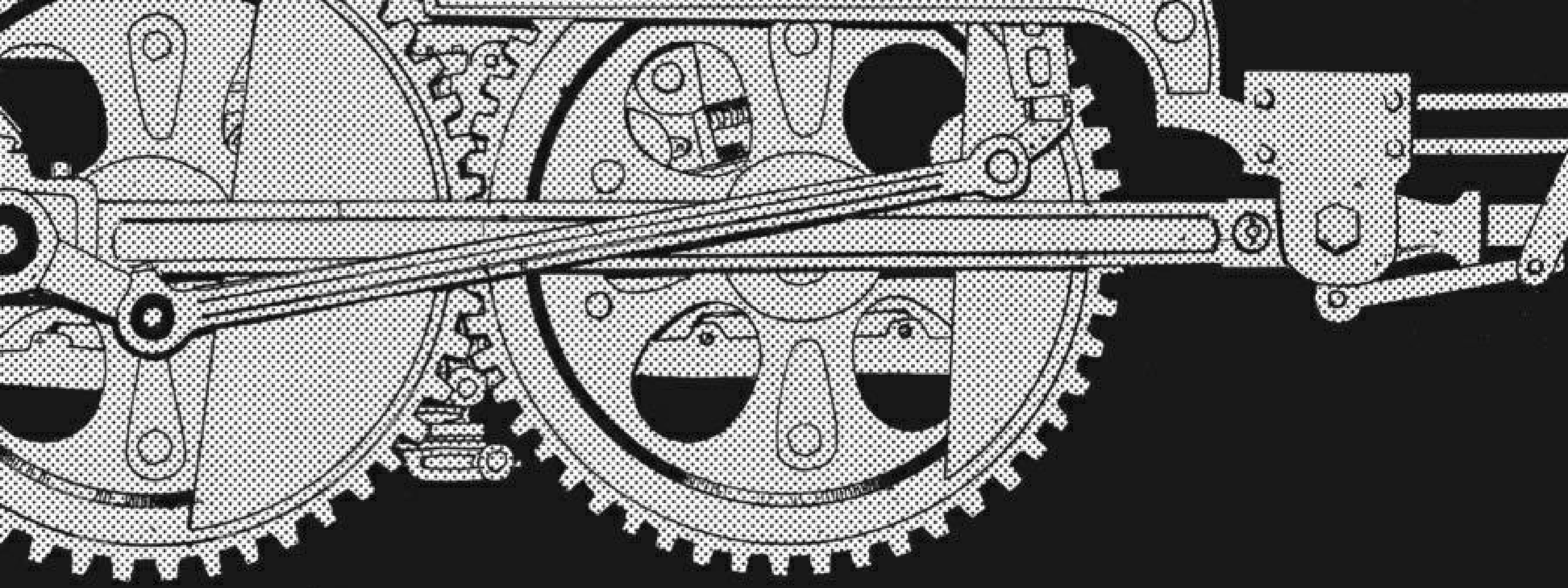
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

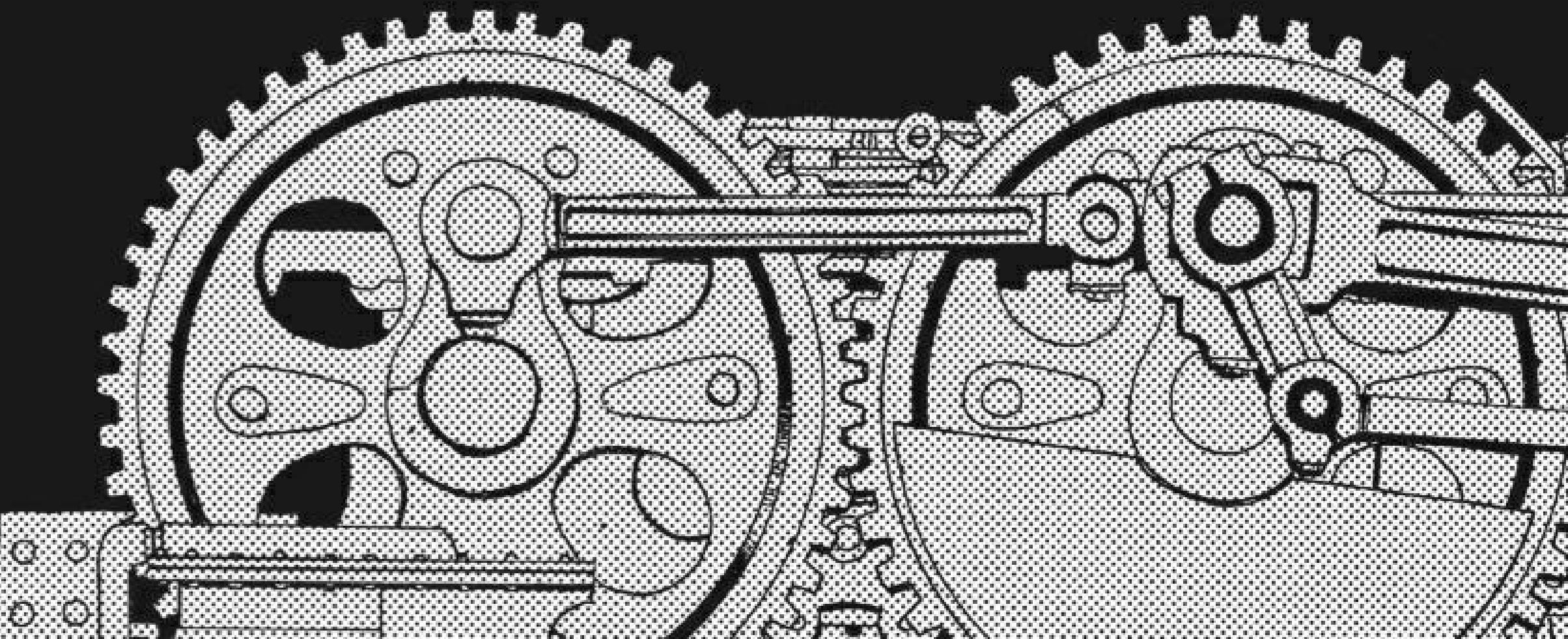
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric Brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward became a state alchemist, serving the military, while roaming the world with his brother in search of the Philosopher's Stone, the legendary substance with the power to restore what they have lost.

Ed suspects that the answers they seek might lie with the unique alchemy commanded by the young girl May, from Xing, who travels with Scar. Tipped off that May was spotted headed north, the Elric brothers set off for Briggs—the Amestrian military's northernmost outpost. But as Ed and Al quickly discover, the only thing less forgiving than Briggs's weather is the regiment of hardened soldiers assigned to defend it...



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I'VE
HAD
IT!

HwOOOOO



I'M
SICK
OF
THIS
LIFE
!!!

VOOMP



GRAB

I
CAN'T
TAKE
IT
ANY-
MORE
!!

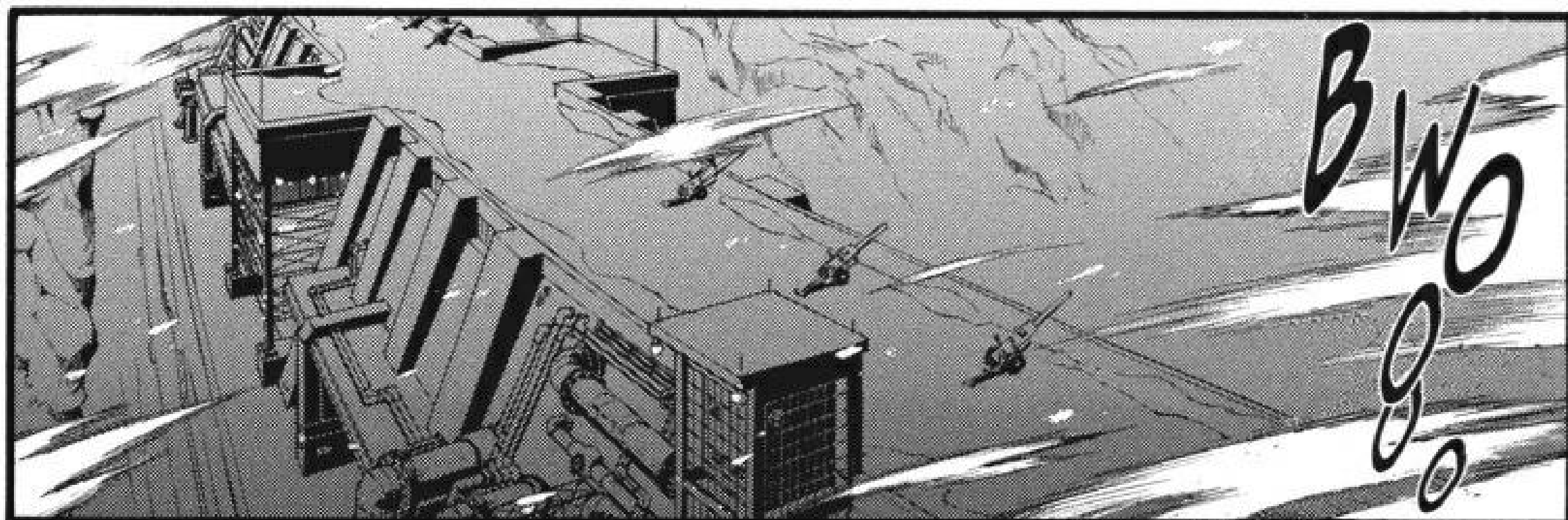
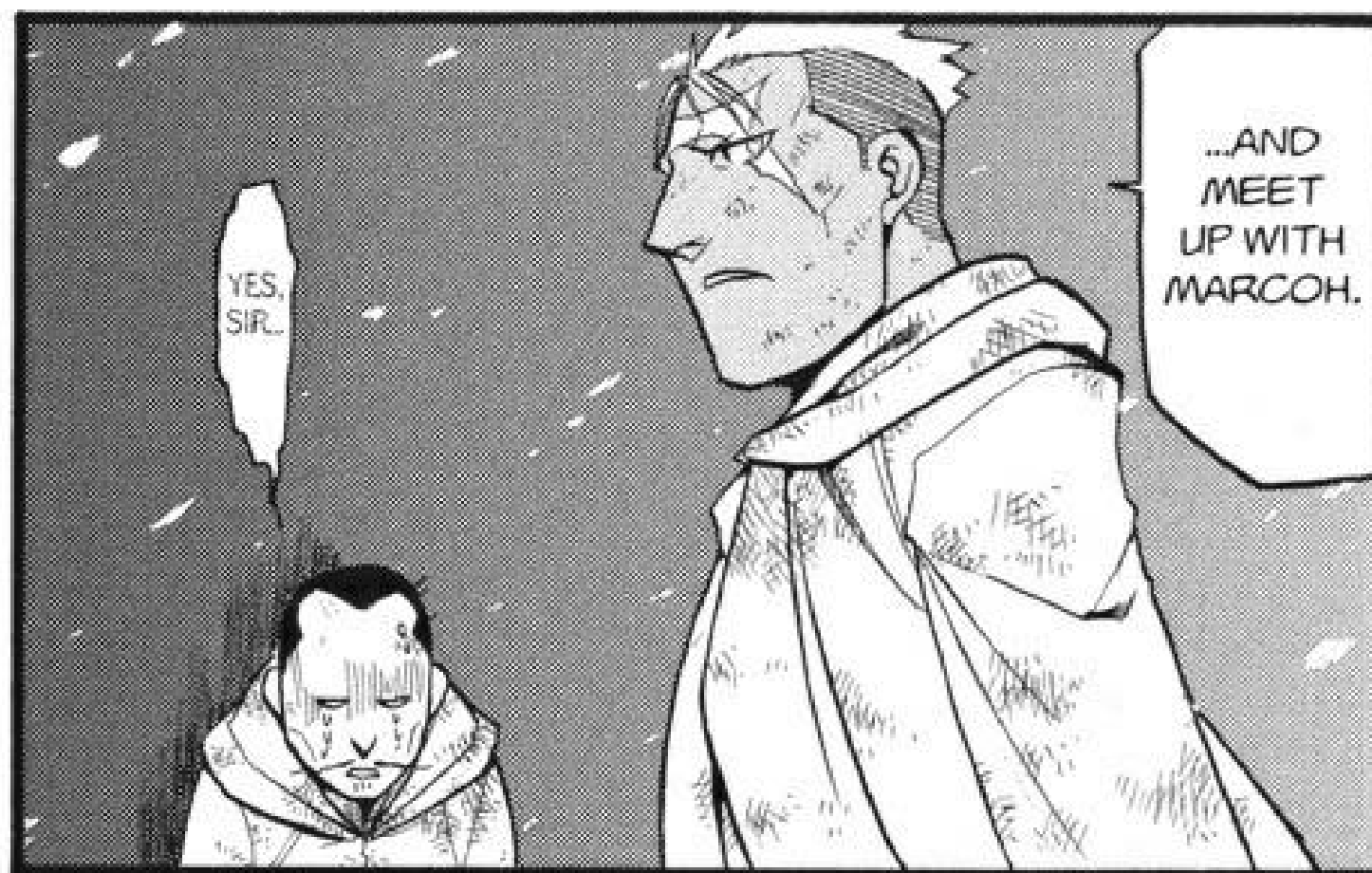
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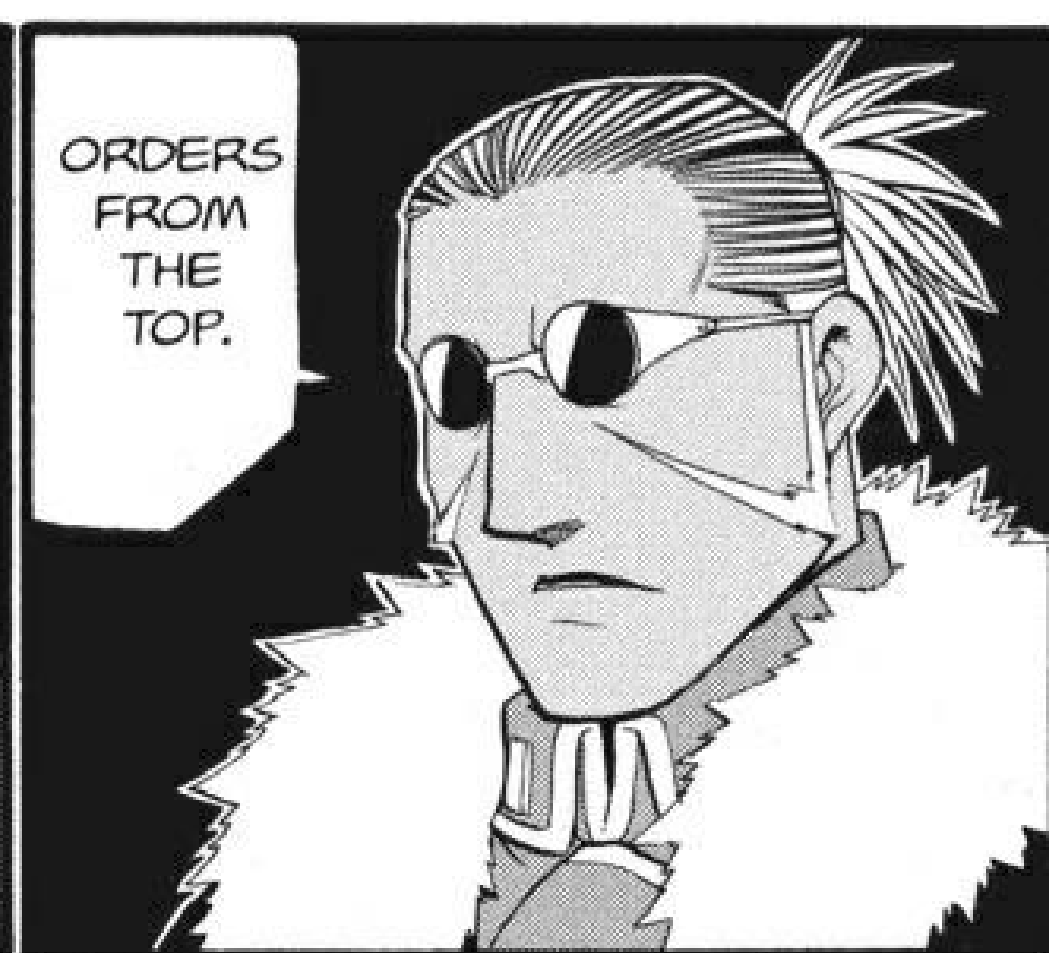
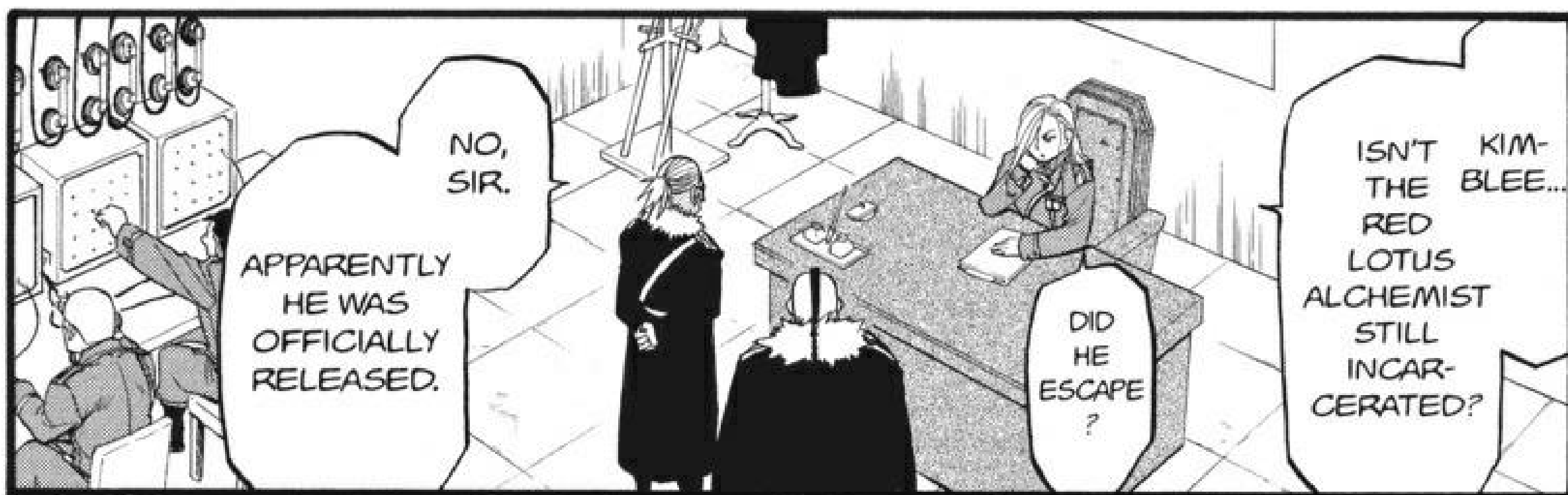


WHY
SHOULD
I
SUFFER
INSULT
UPON
INJURY
?!











WUUU WUUU WUUU



Chapter 66
The Snow Queen

IT
CAME
FROM
UNDER-
GROUND
!!!

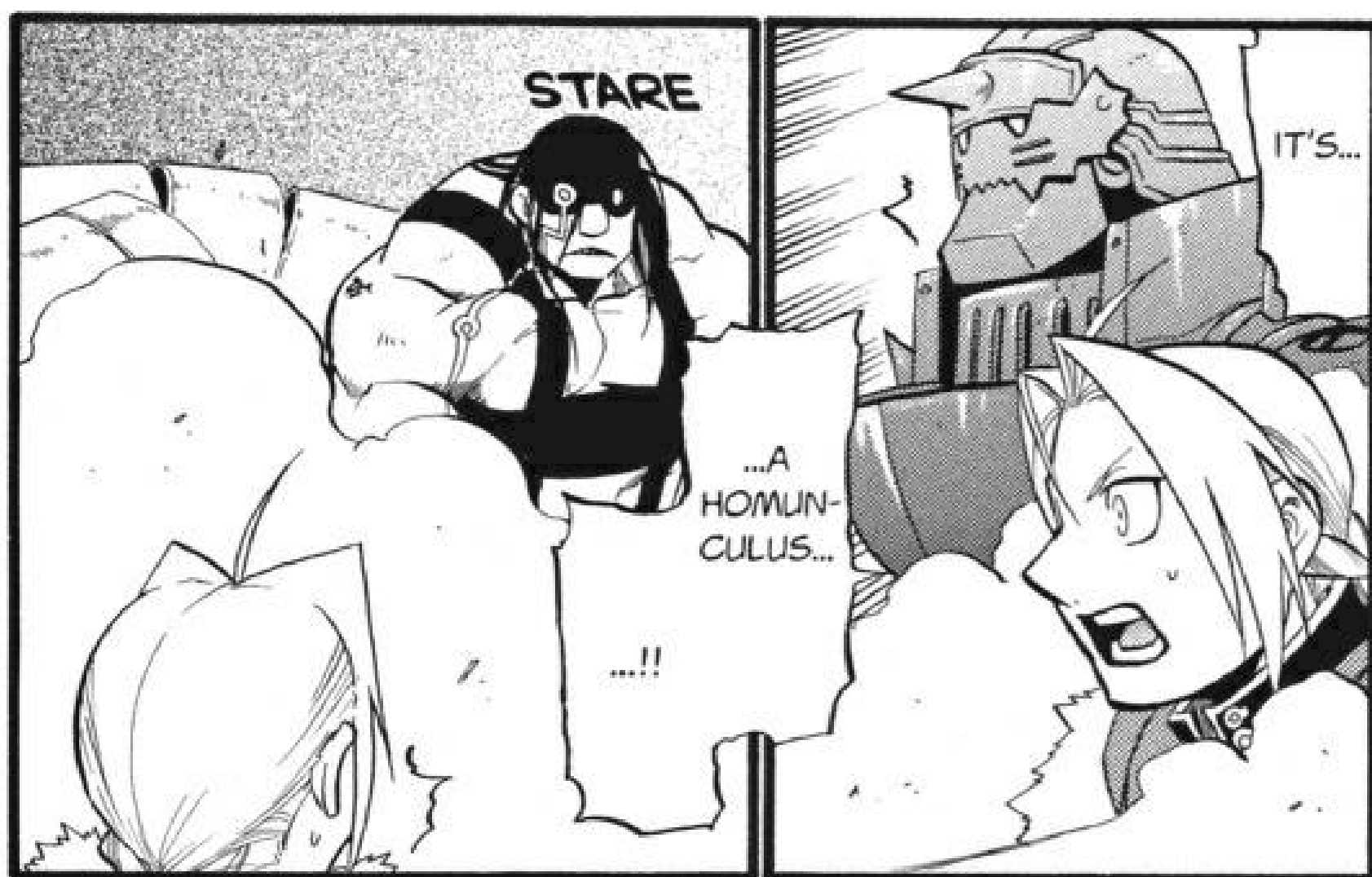
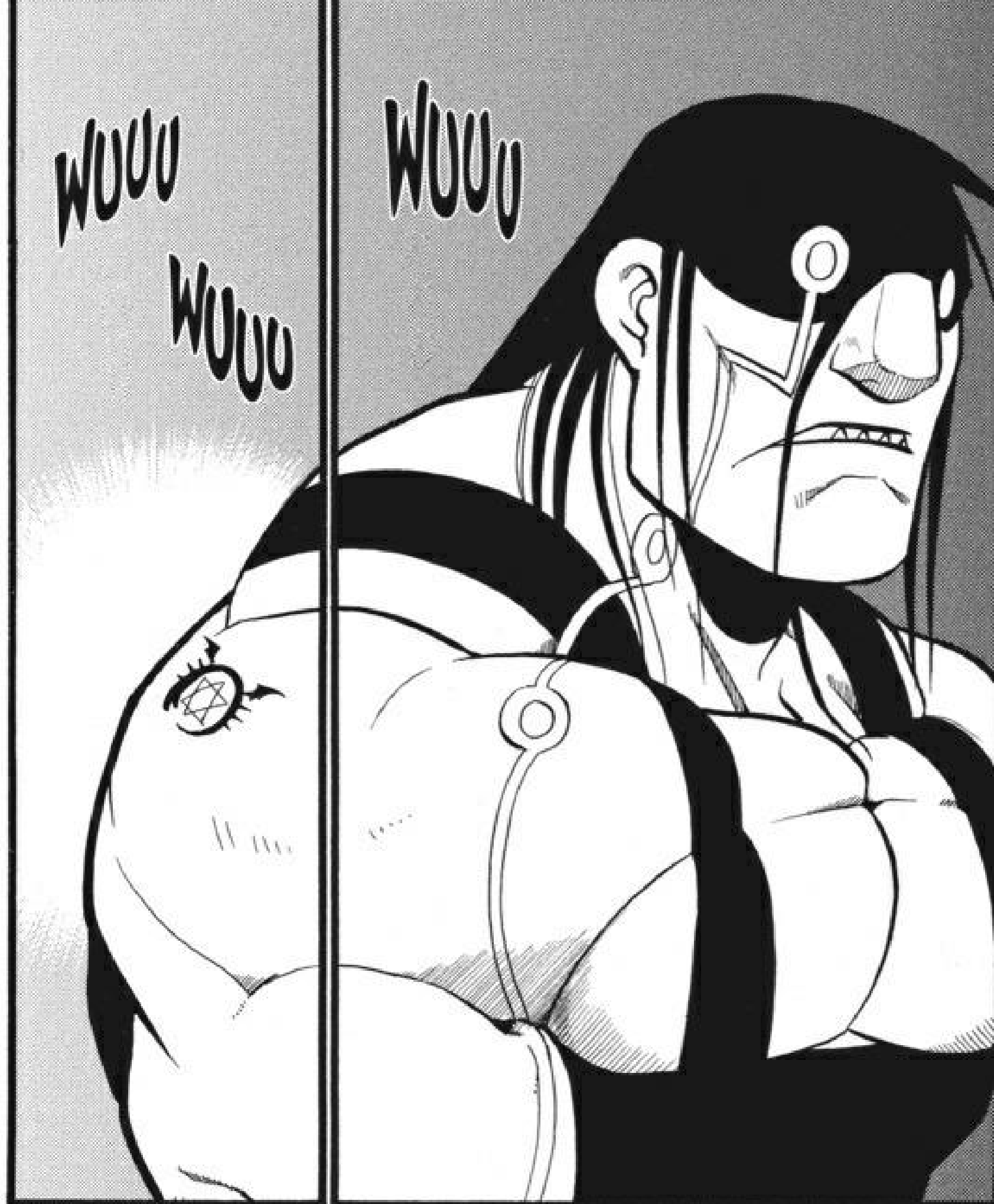
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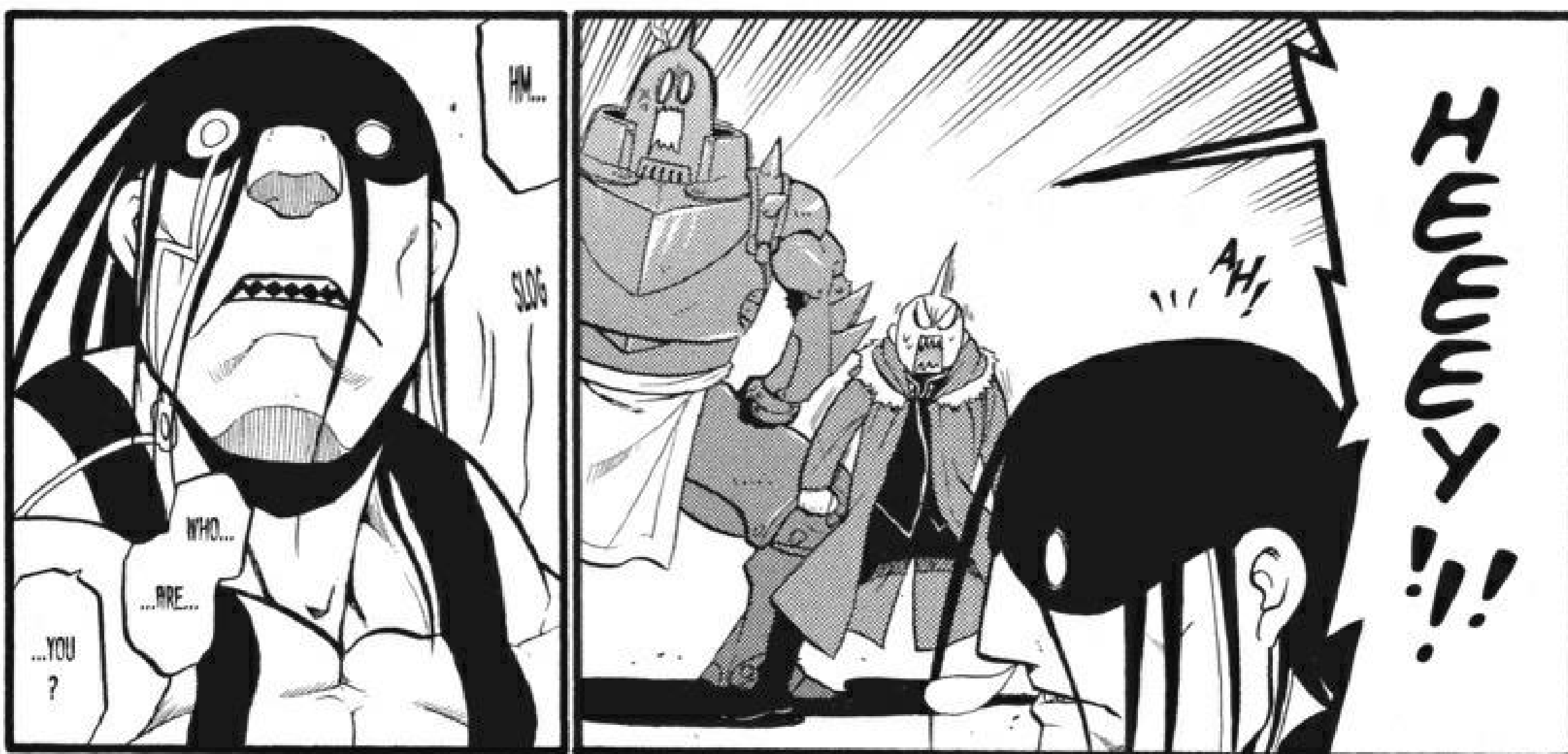
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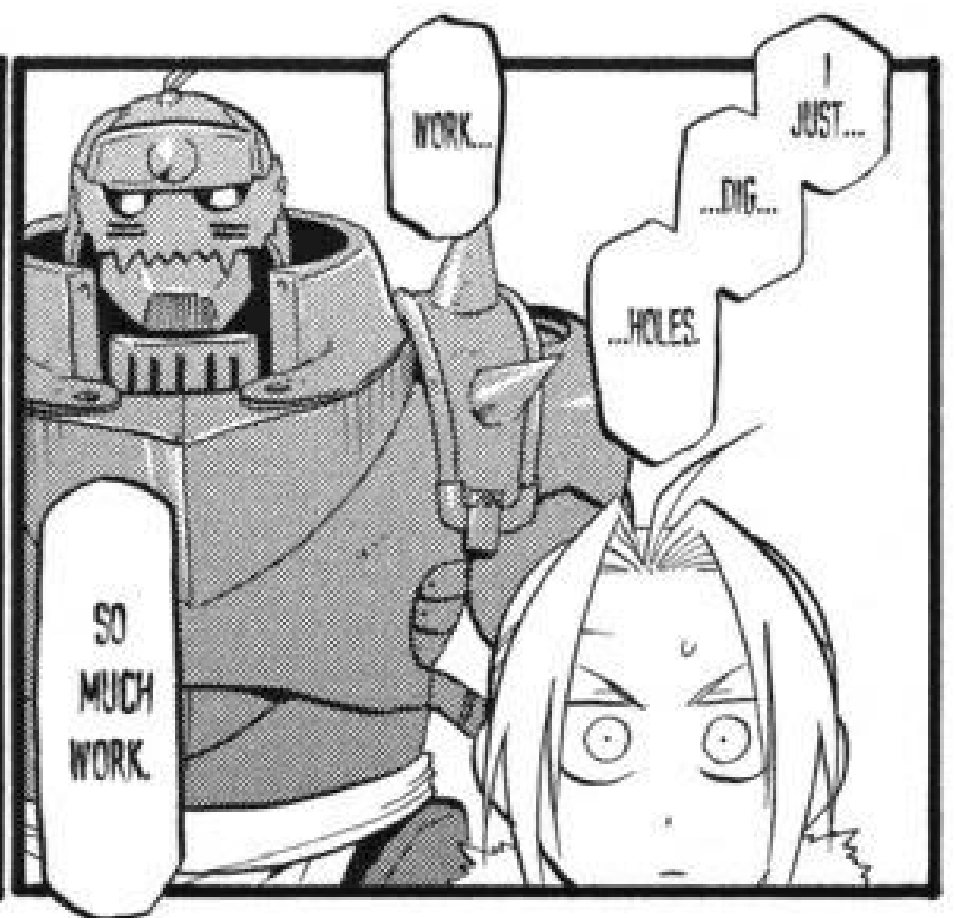
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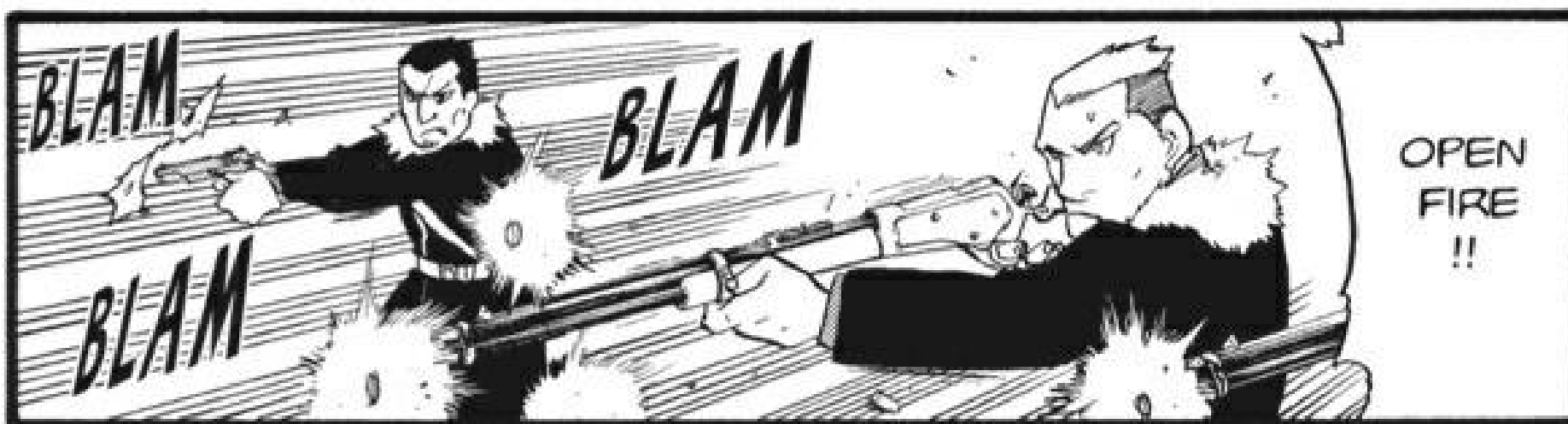
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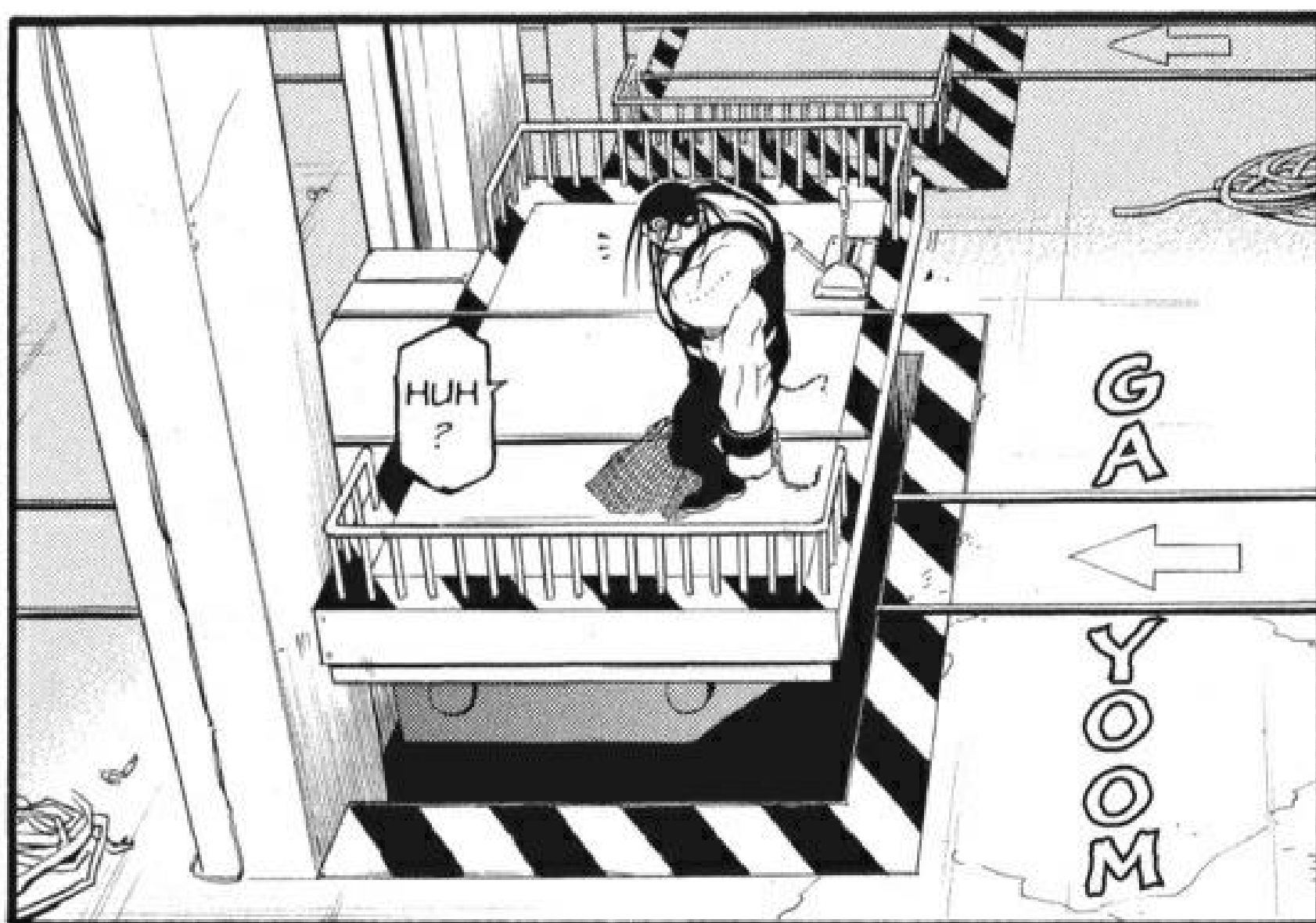








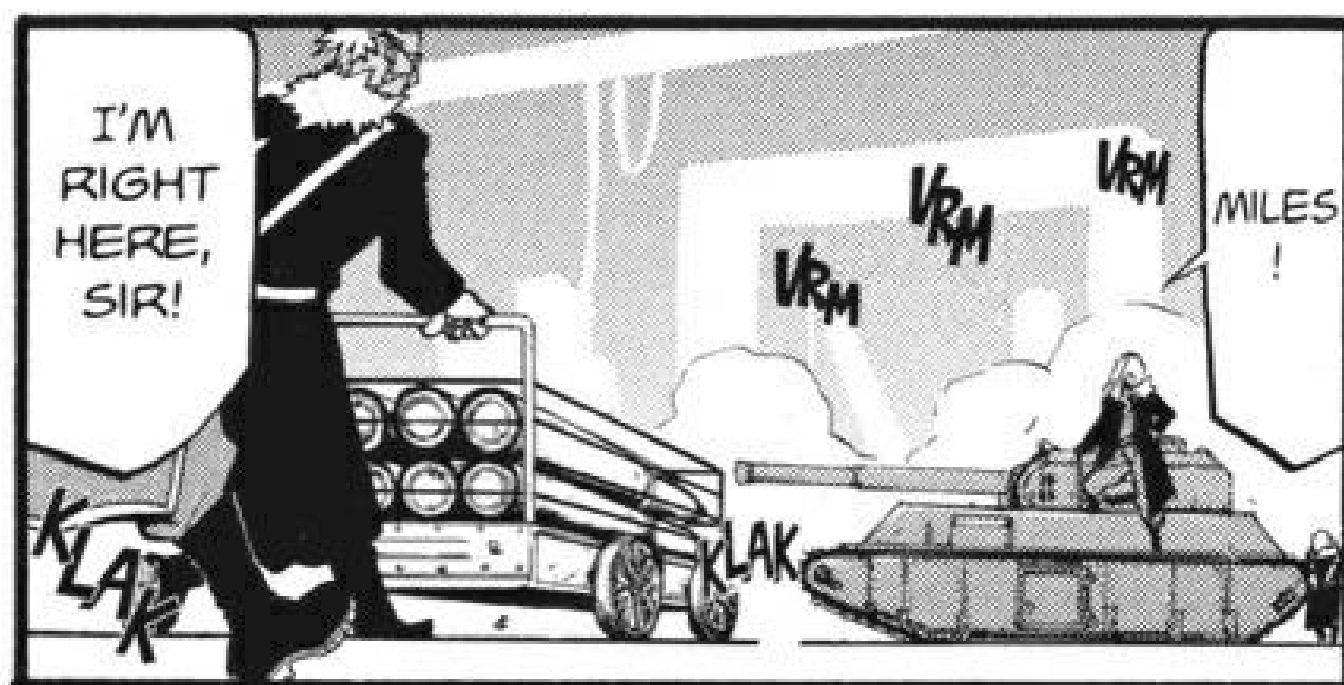




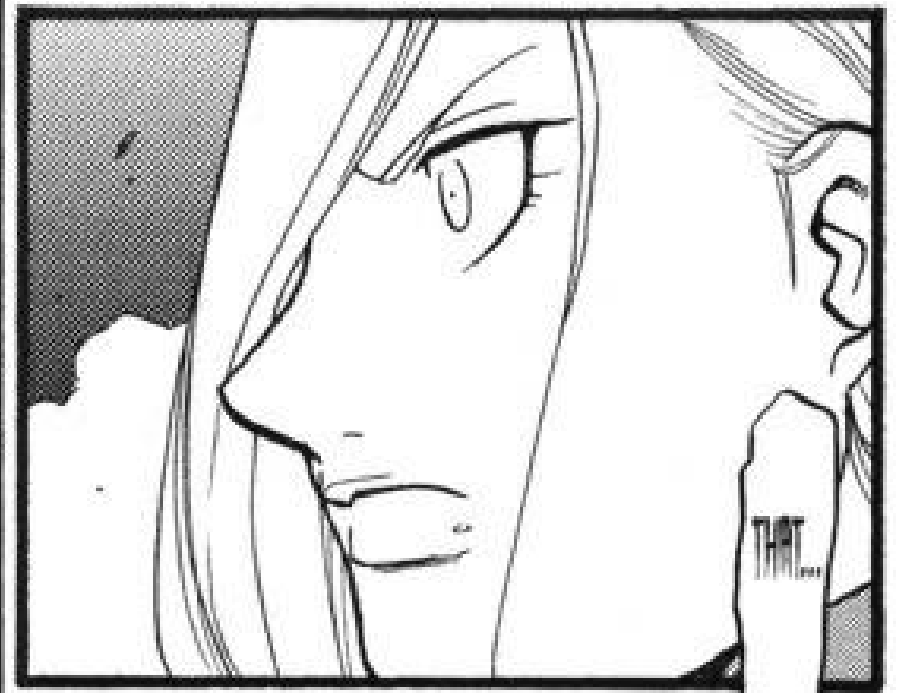
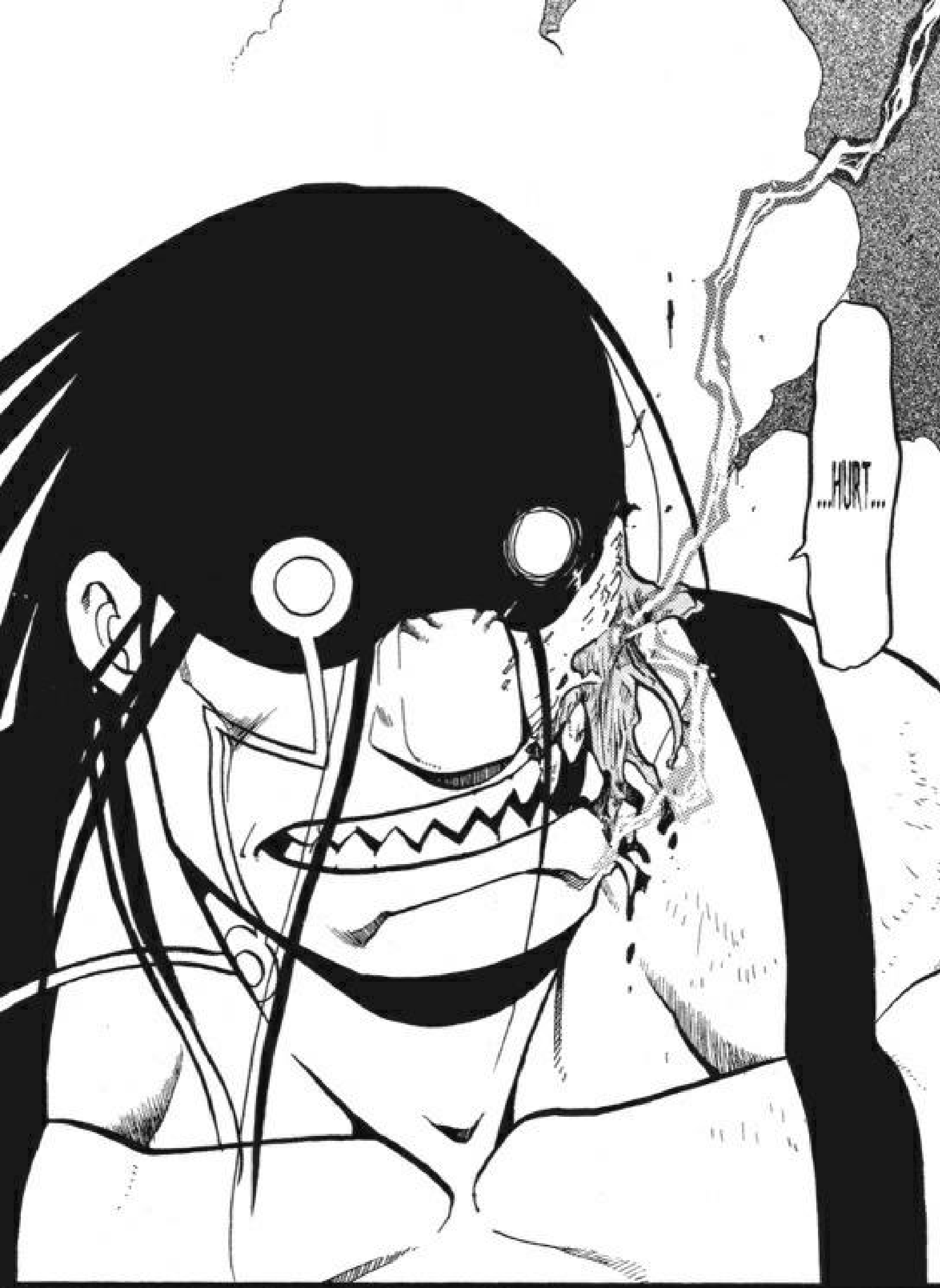


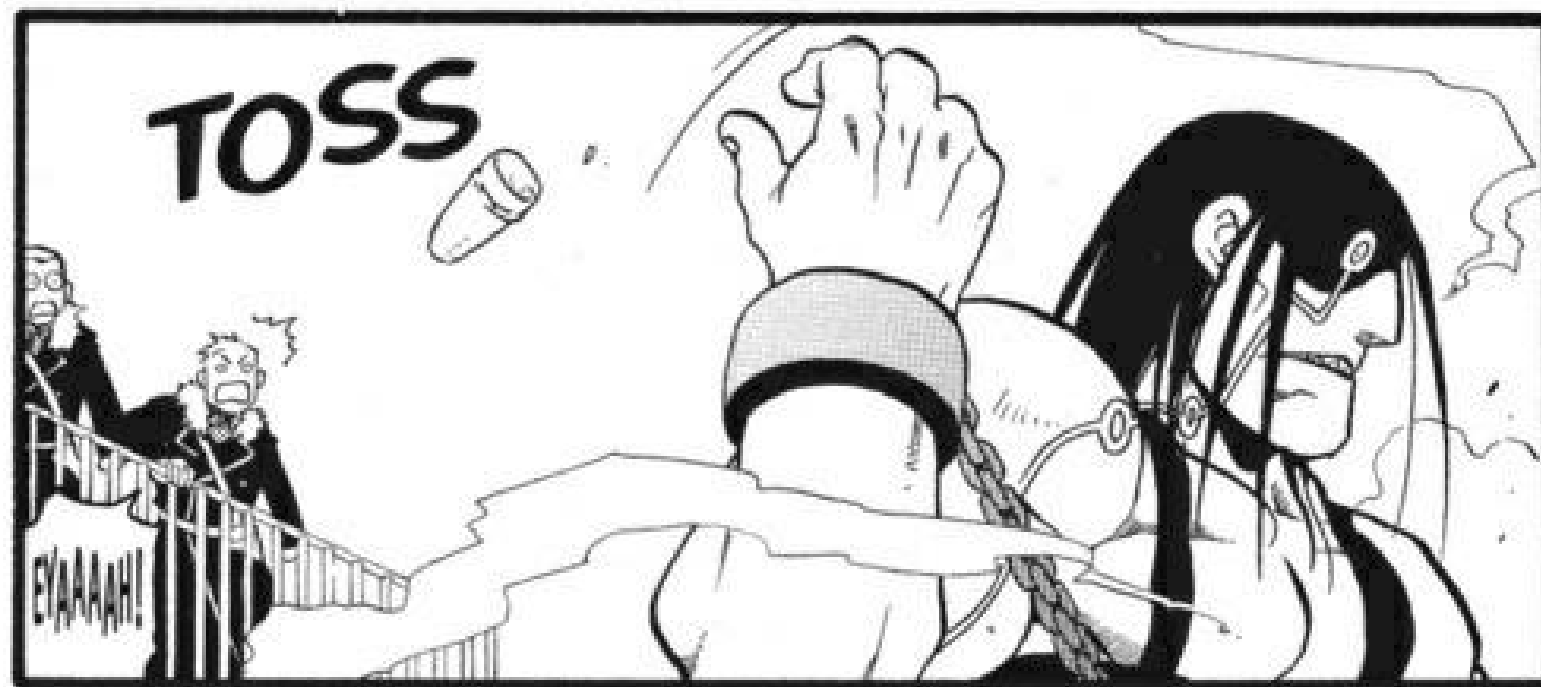
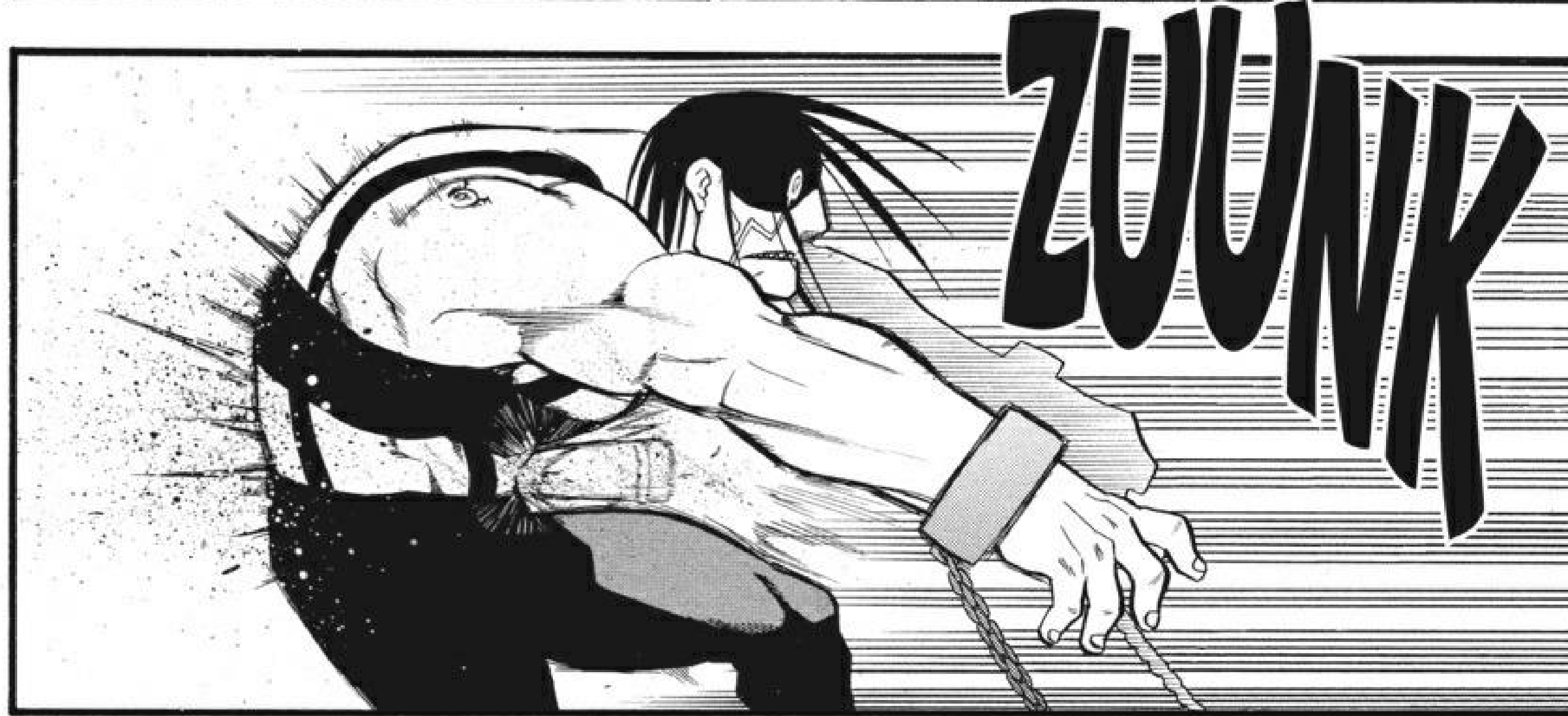


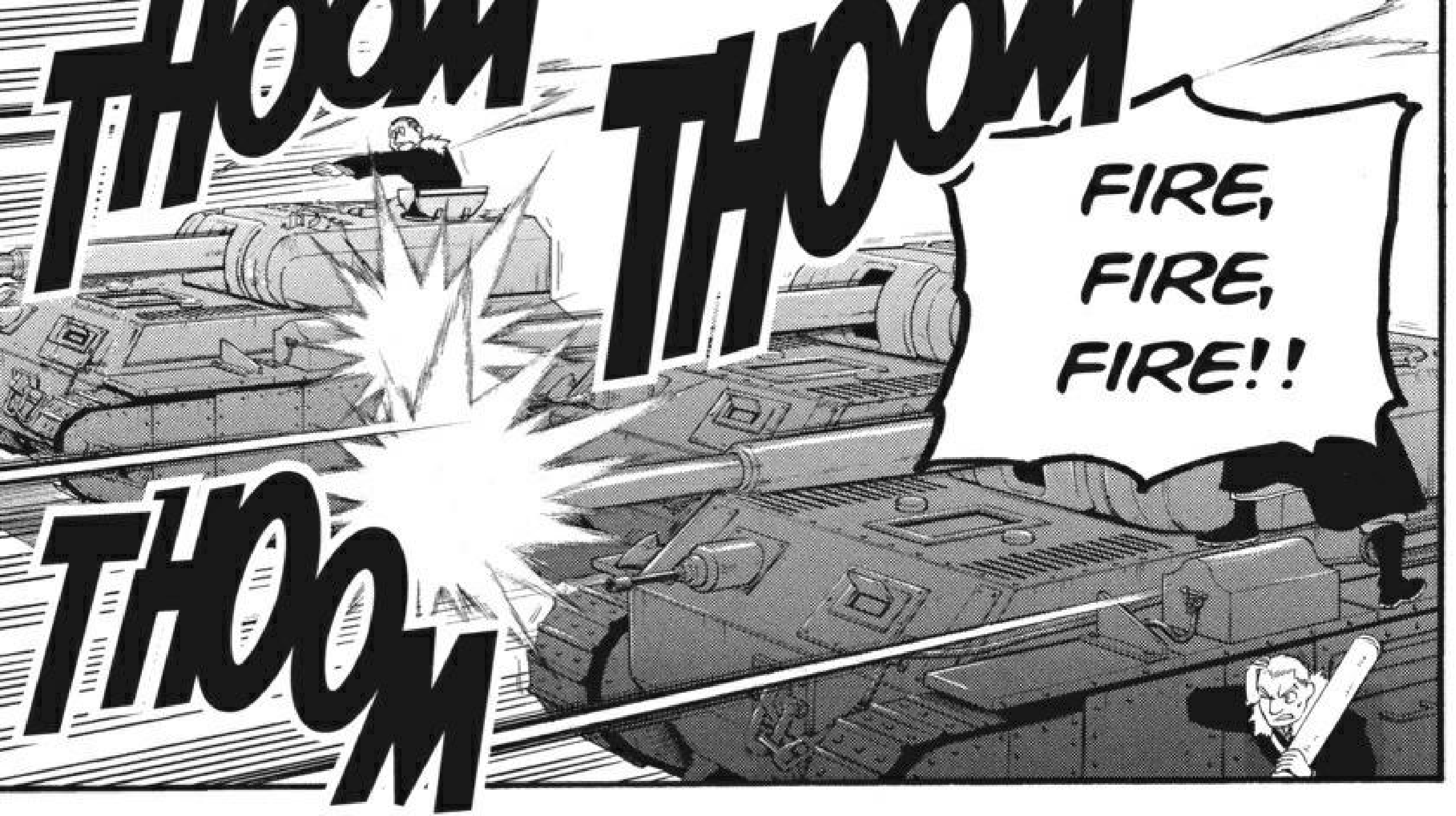


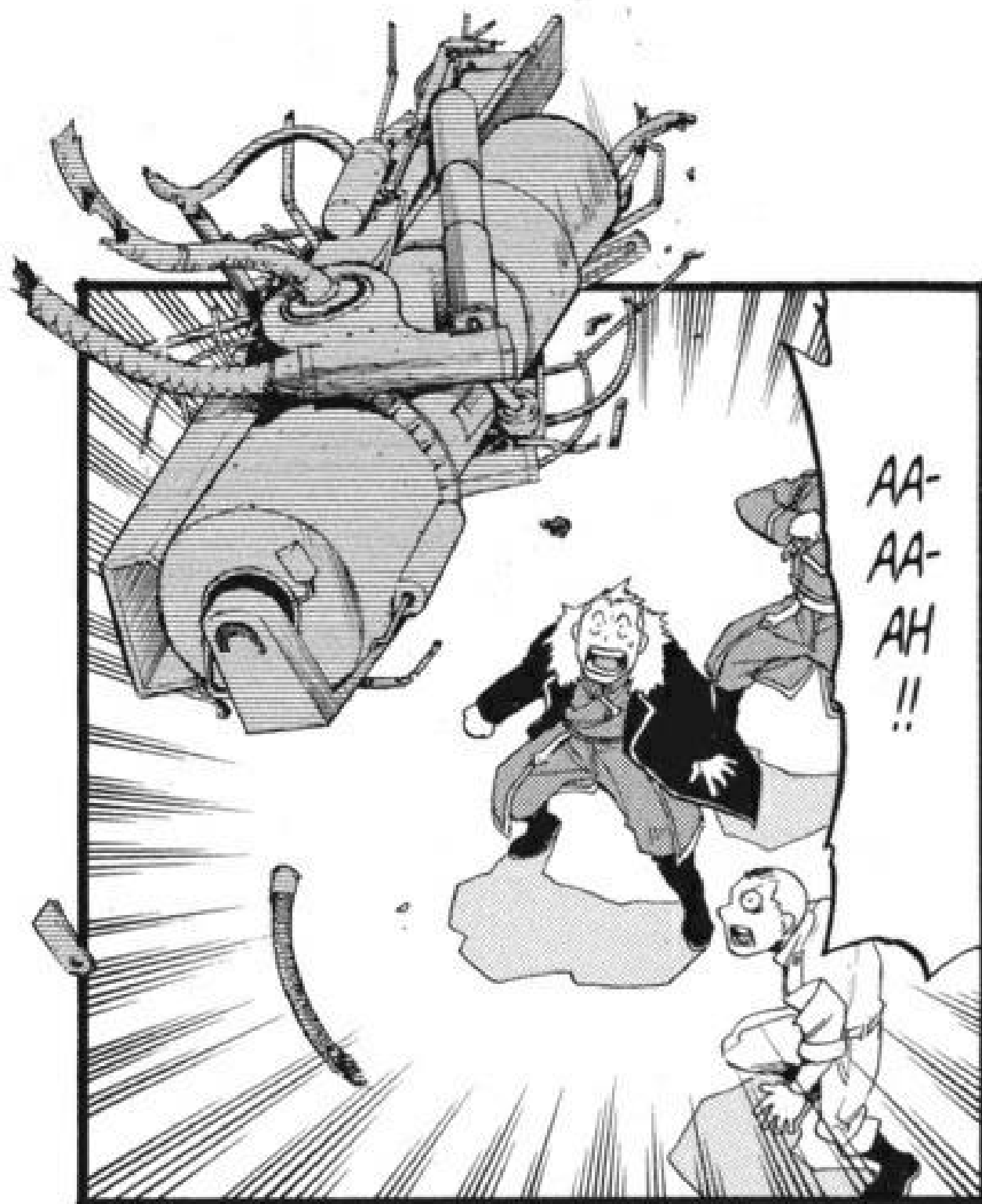


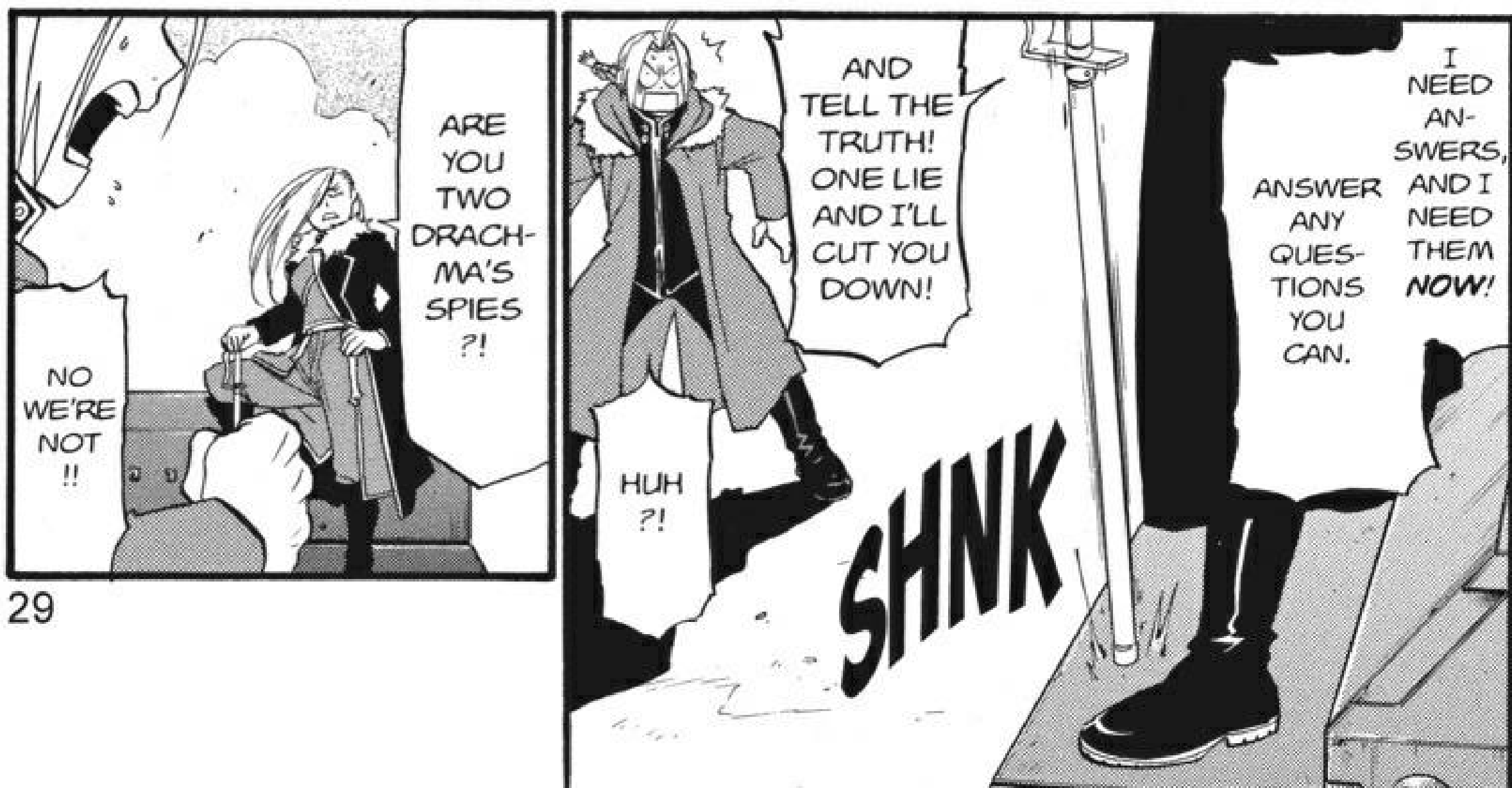
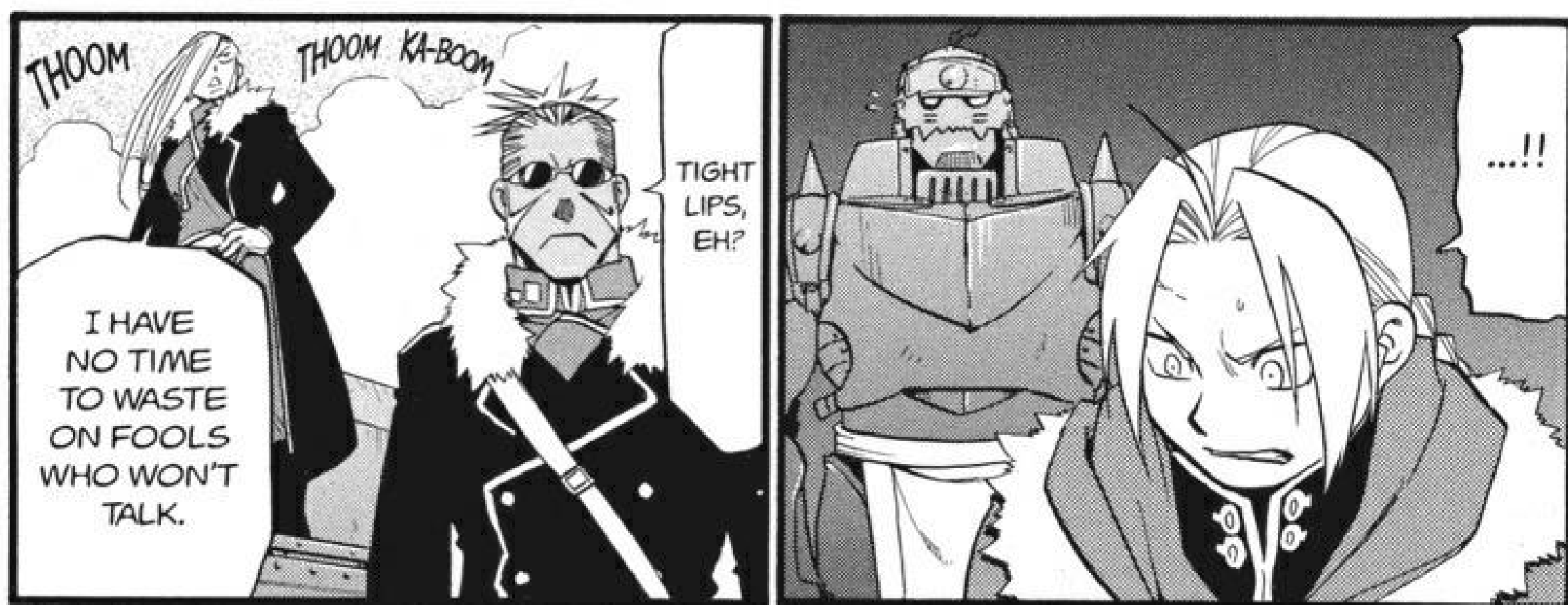
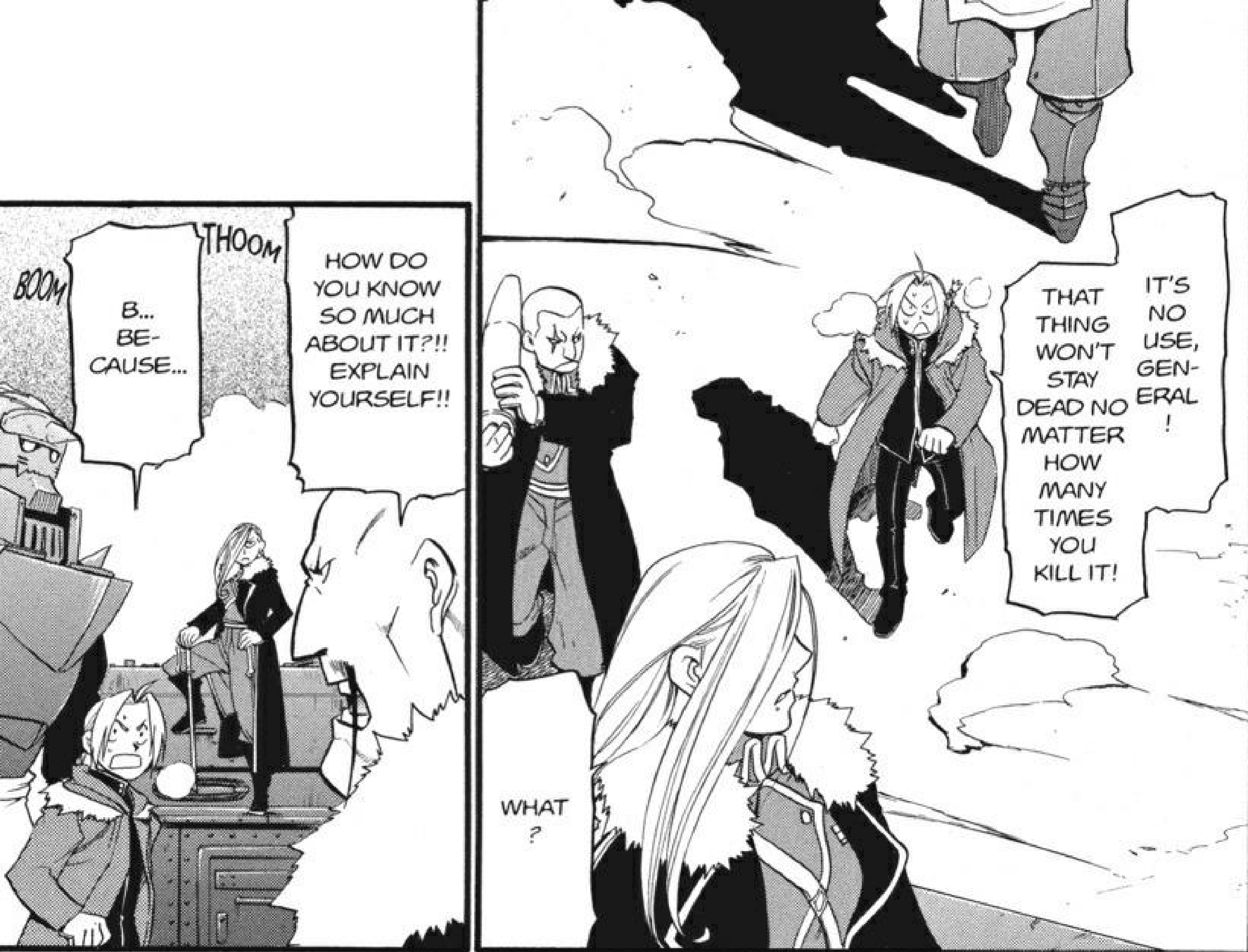


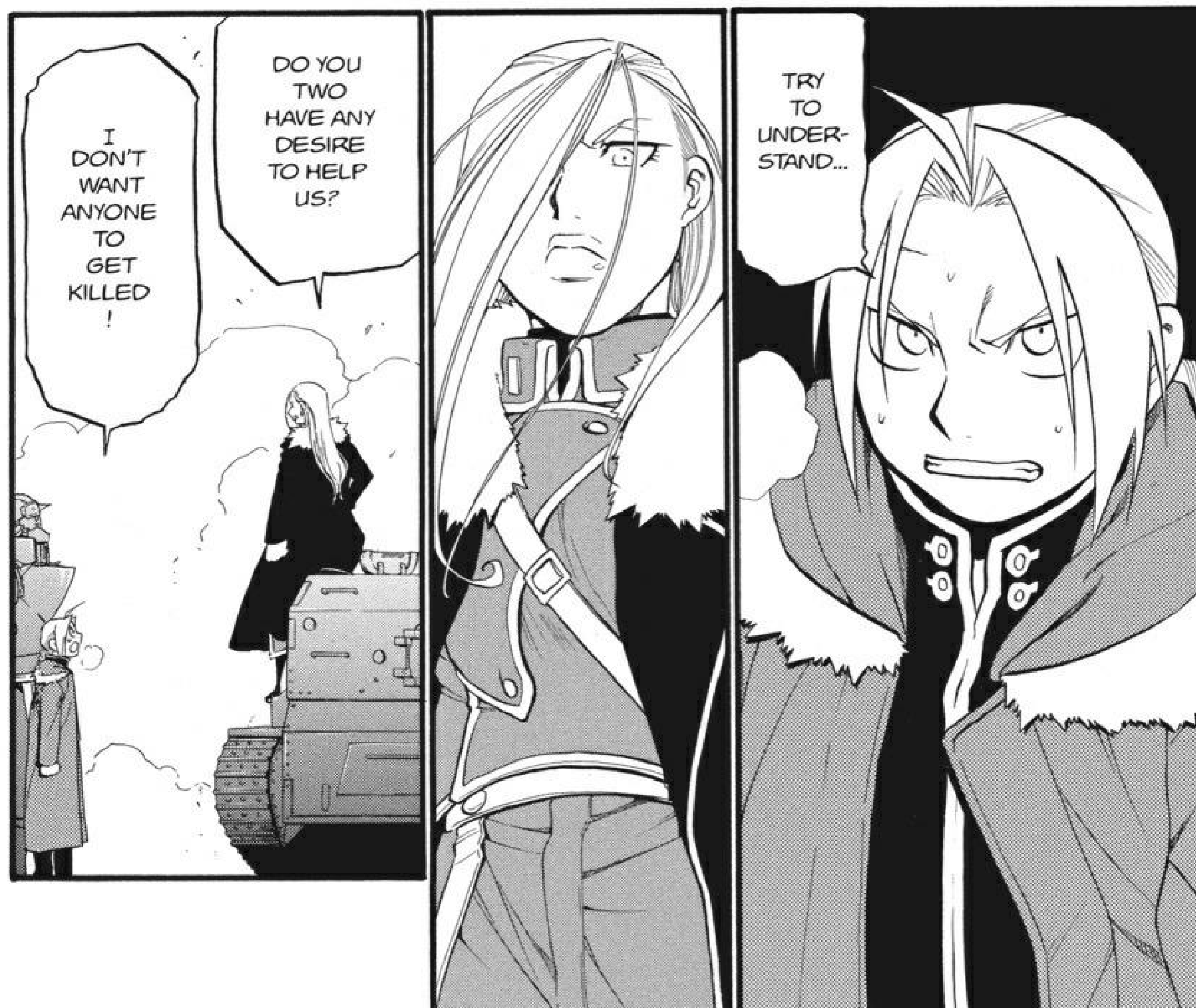


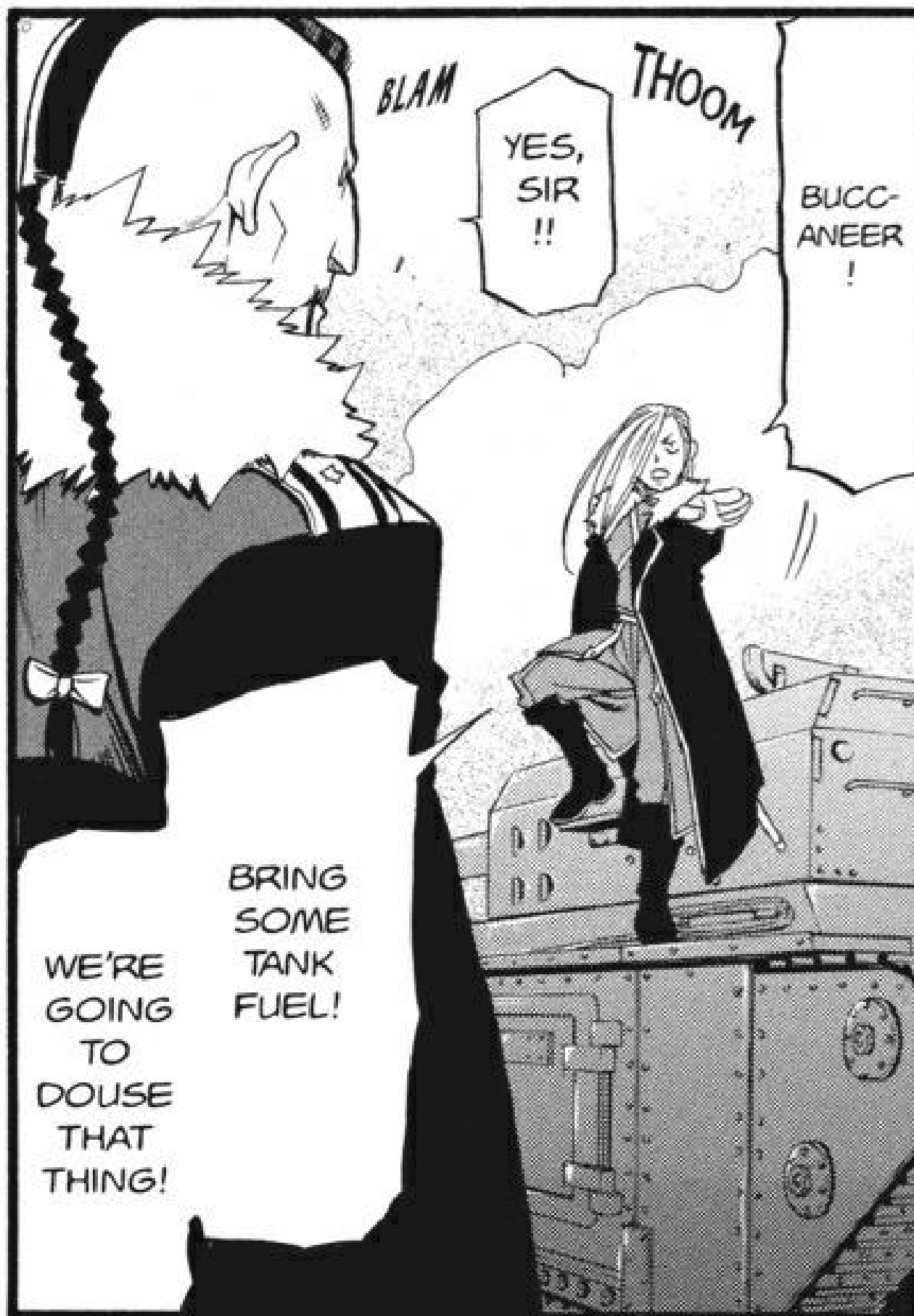












WE'RE GOING TO DOUSE THAT THING!

BRING SOME TANK FUEL!

YES, SIR !!

BUCC-ANEER !



I'M PRETTY SURE ITS ANATOMY IS MORE-OR-LESS HUMAN.

TELL ME ABOUT THAT THING'S BODY! WHAT'S IT MADE OF?



IT DOESN'T DIE, BUT IT'S BASICALLY HUMAN ?

HM...



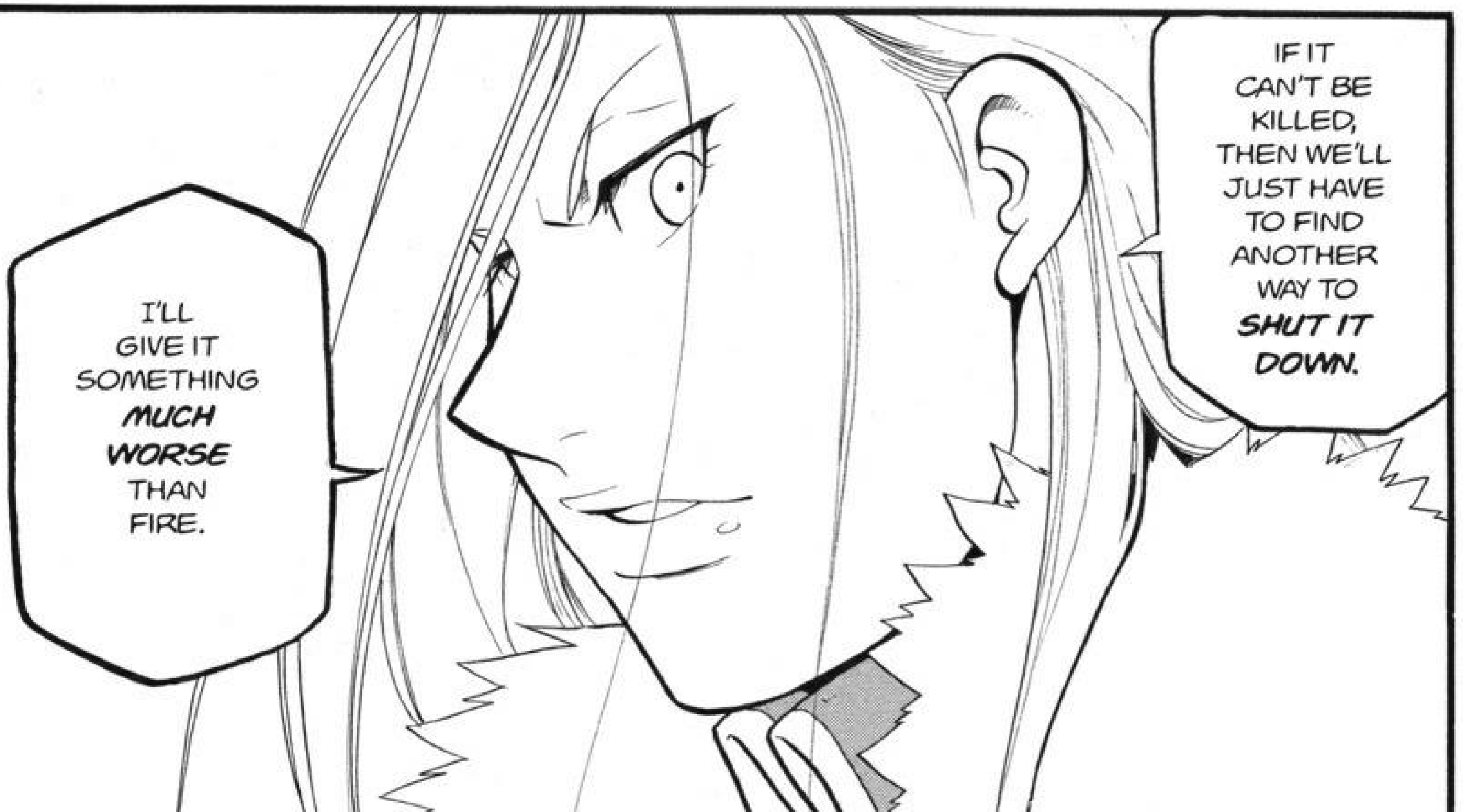
I KNOW WELL ENOUGH FROM OUR PREVIOUS ATTACK THAT IT CAN'T BE KILLED.

ARE YOU STUPID ?!

LIGHT IT ON FIRE ?

LIGHTING IT ON FIRE WON'T KILL IT EITHER!

IT'S NO USE, GENERAL !



I'LL GIVE IT SOMETHING **MUCH WORSE** THAN FIRE.

IF IT CAN'T BE KILLED, THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO **SHUT IT DOWN.**



YOU'RE GONNA SEE HOW WE DO THINGS HERE IN BRIGGS. AND YOU'RE GONNA HELP.

HUH?

YOU READY, STATE ALCHEMIST?



WHAT IF THEY REPORT MY INVOLVEMENT TO THE ENEMY?

...WHAT IF THAT THING HAS ALLIES HIDDEN HERE IN BRIGGS?

YOU DON'T WANT TO WATCH OUR TROOPS DIE, RIGHT?

HEY... WAIT!

WELL, YEAH, BUT...



WE NEED YOUR HELP.

YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT MONSTER.

TRUST IN MAJOR GENERAL ARMSTRONG'S JUDGE OF CHARACTER.



WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE YOU CAN TRUST US NOW?

A MOMENT AGO YOU SUSPECTED US OF BEING TRAITORS.

EVERYONE HERE IS OF ONE HEART AND MIND.



THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR
ME!

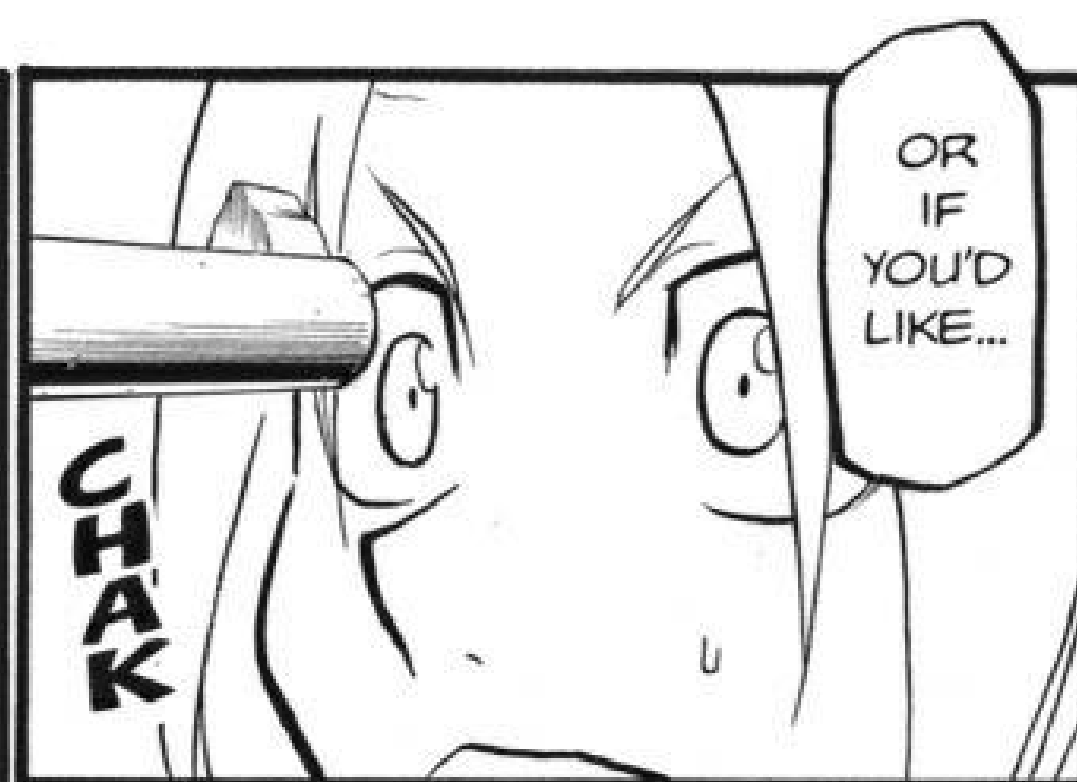
YOU JUST
SAVED MY
COMRADE'S
LIFE
WITHOUT A
MOMENT'S
HESITATION.



KIDNAPPER!!

OBEY
THE
POWER
!!

THAT'S
THE
BRIGGS
MANTRA
!!



CHAK

OR
IF
YOU'D
LIKE...



WOULD
YOU
PREFER
THAT?

...I CAN
THREATEN
YOU INTO
HELPING
US.



W H A A A T ?

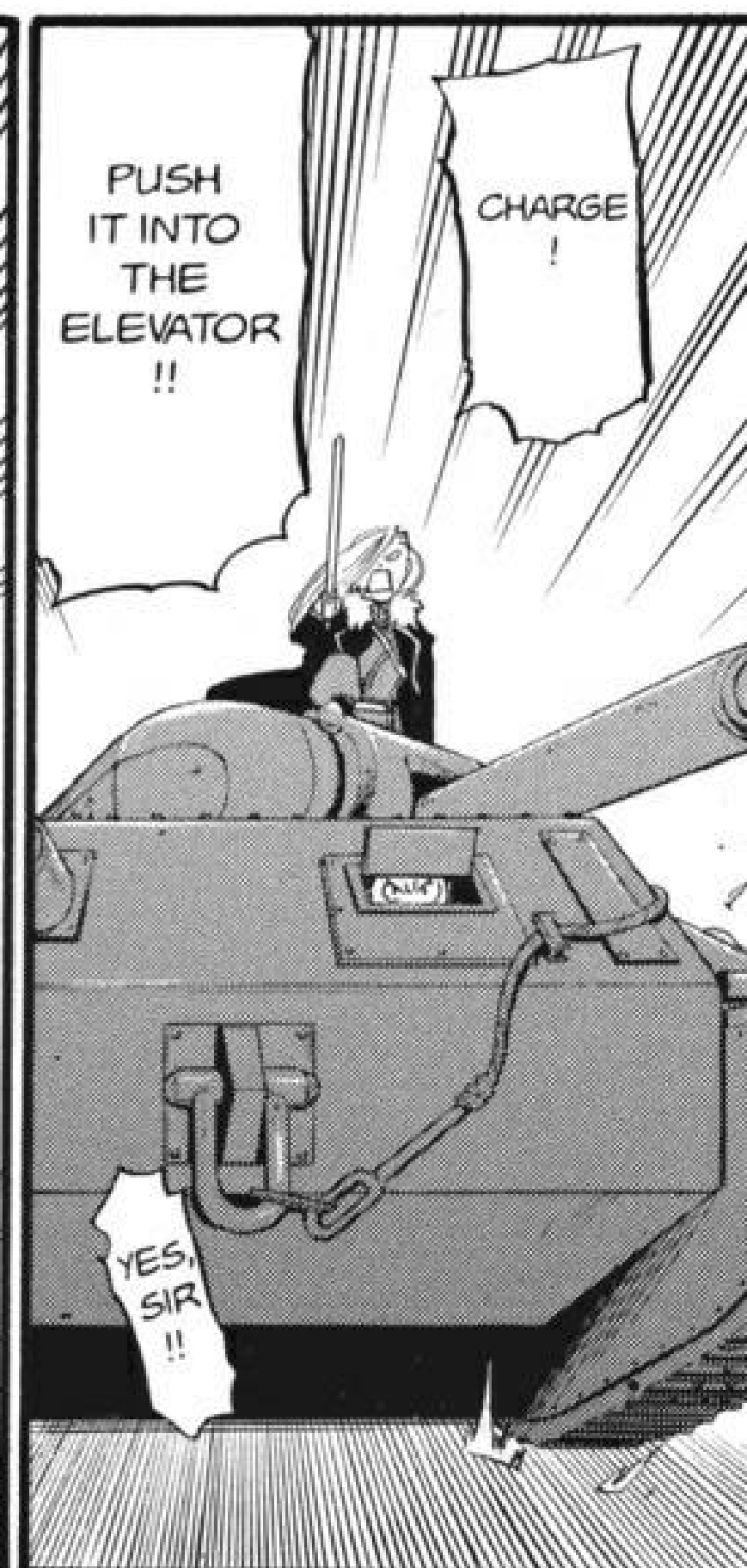
ALL
RIGHT,
YOU
CAN
HELP
TOO.

THAT'S
OUR
BEST
PAL!!

HEY-
WHO'S
THAT
MOP-
HEAD
BACK
THERE
?

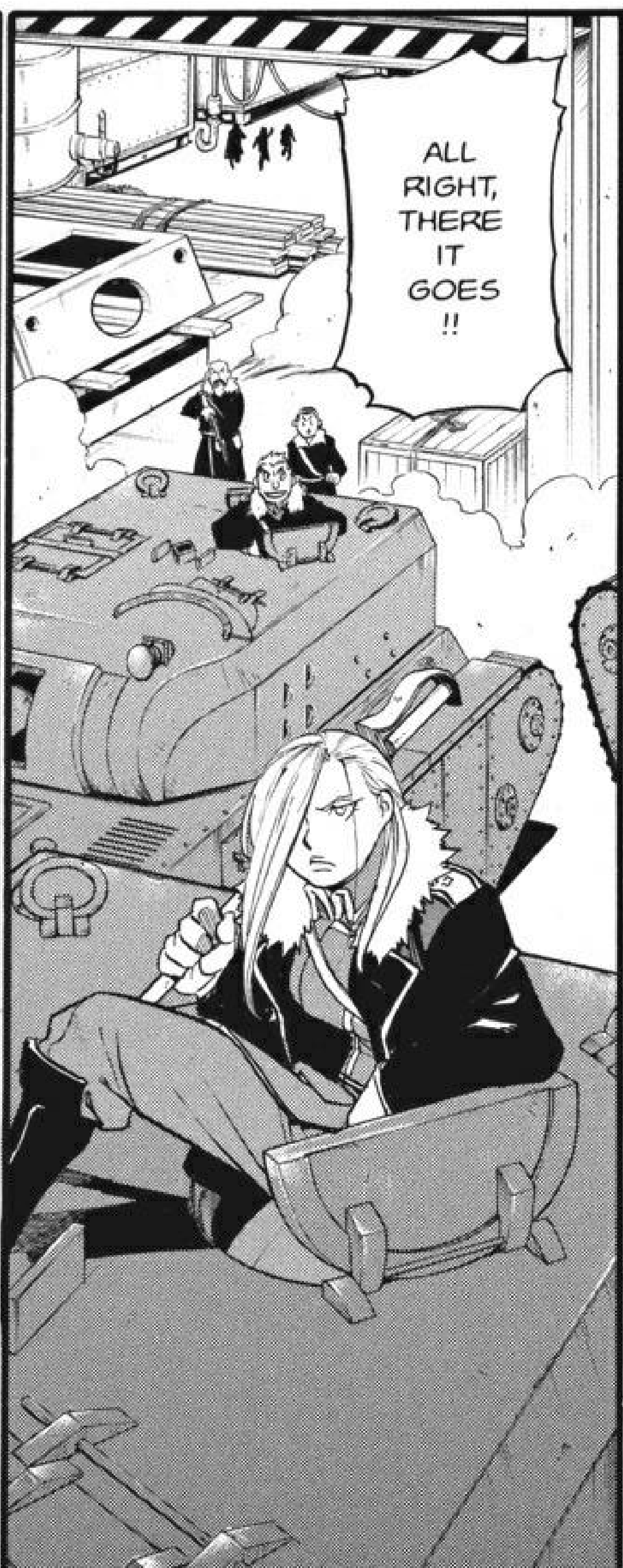
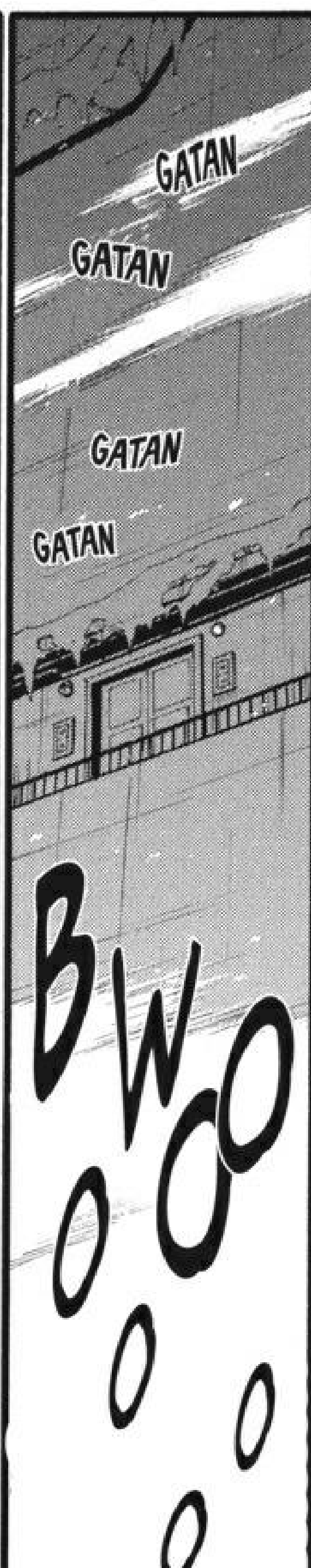
...RIGHT,
MR.
BUCCA-
NEER
?

THEN
I CAN
TRUST
YOU
TOO...



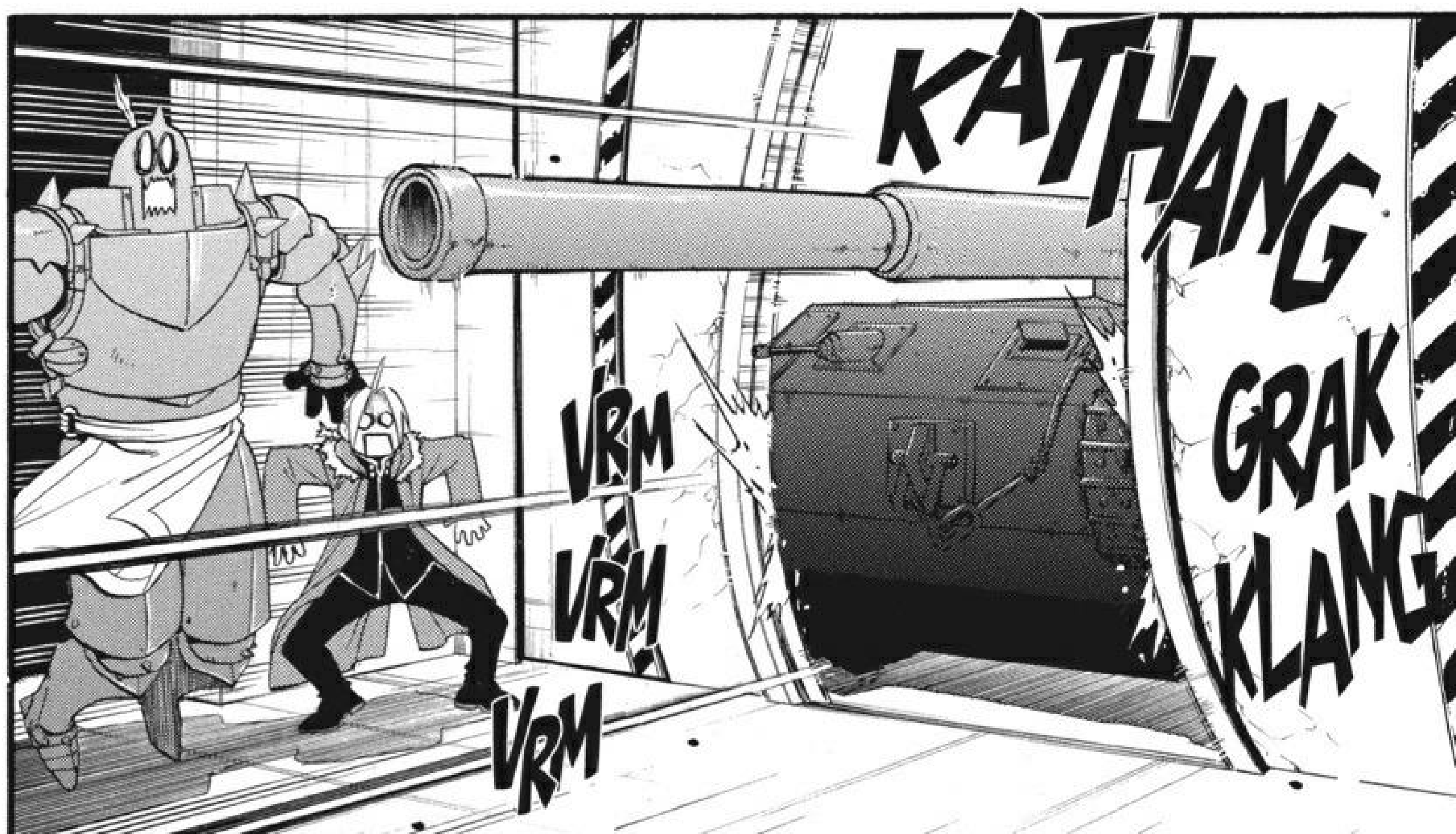
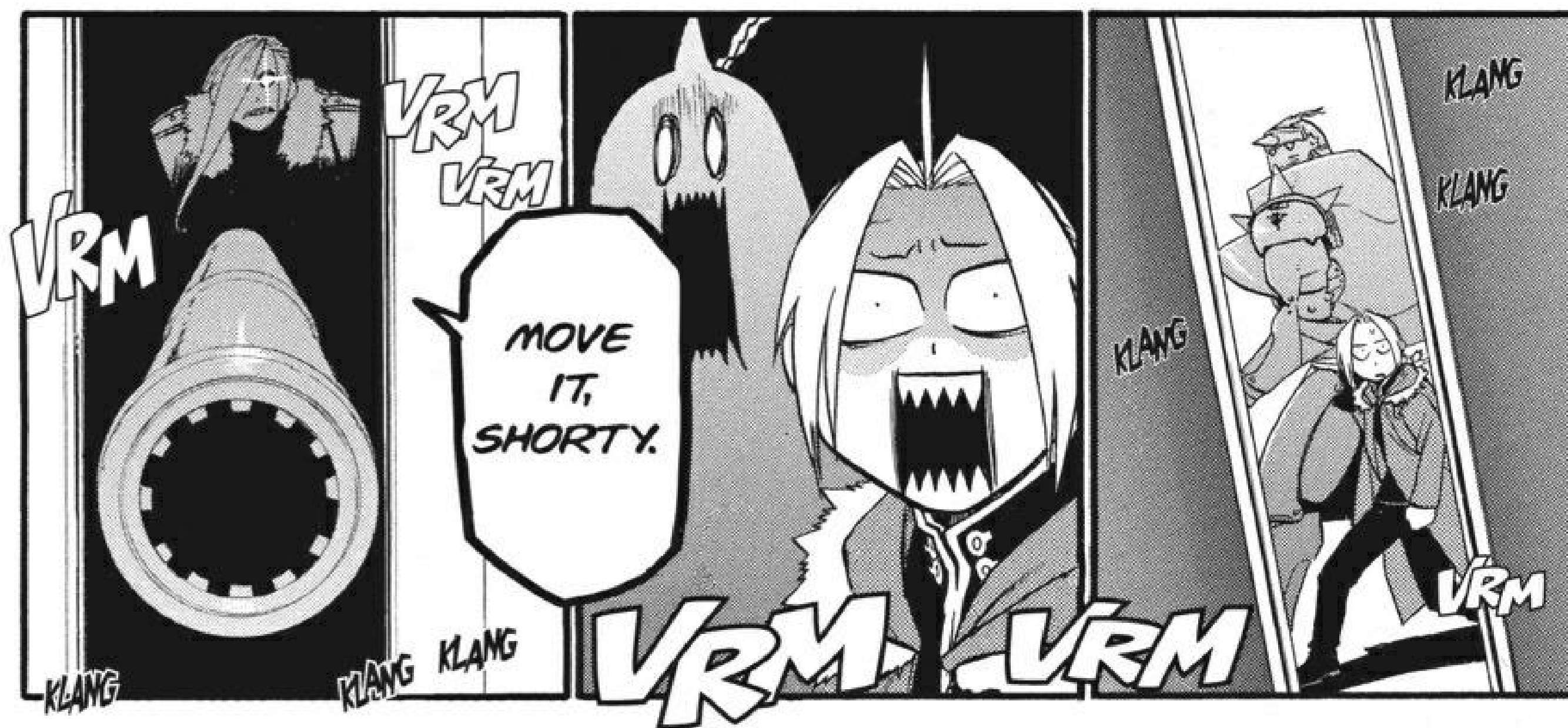
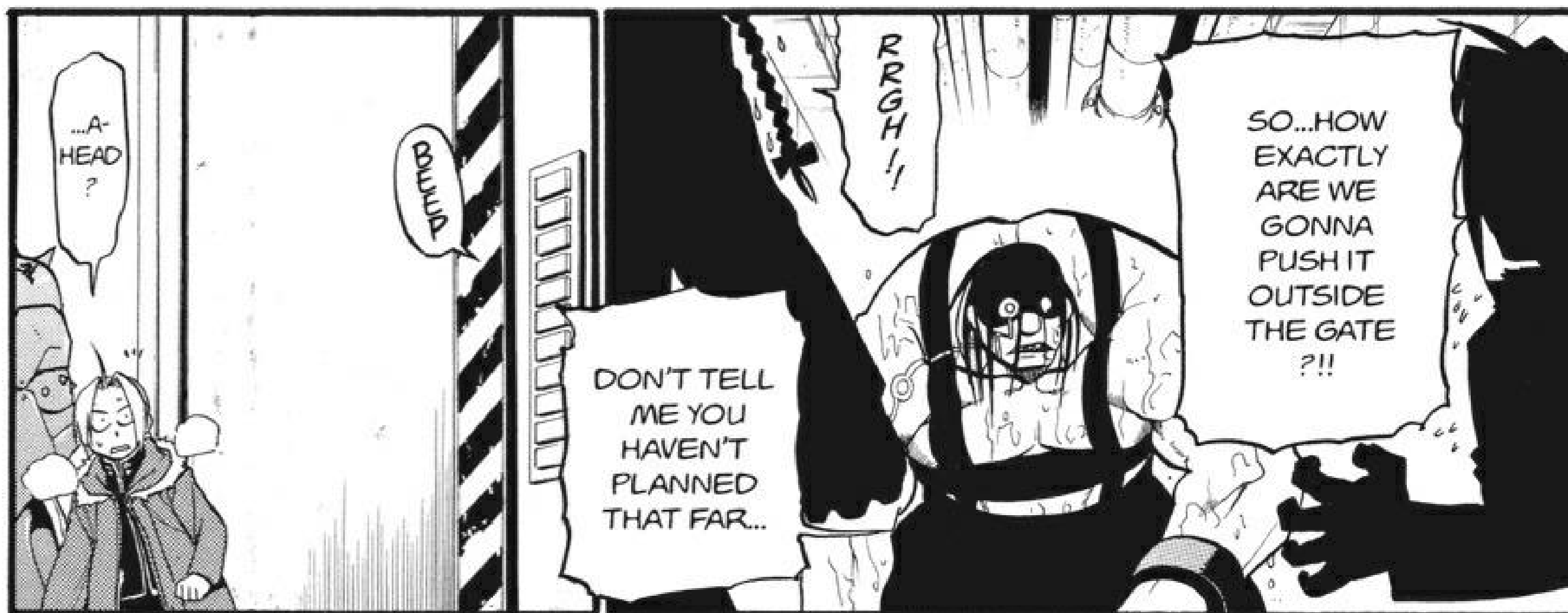




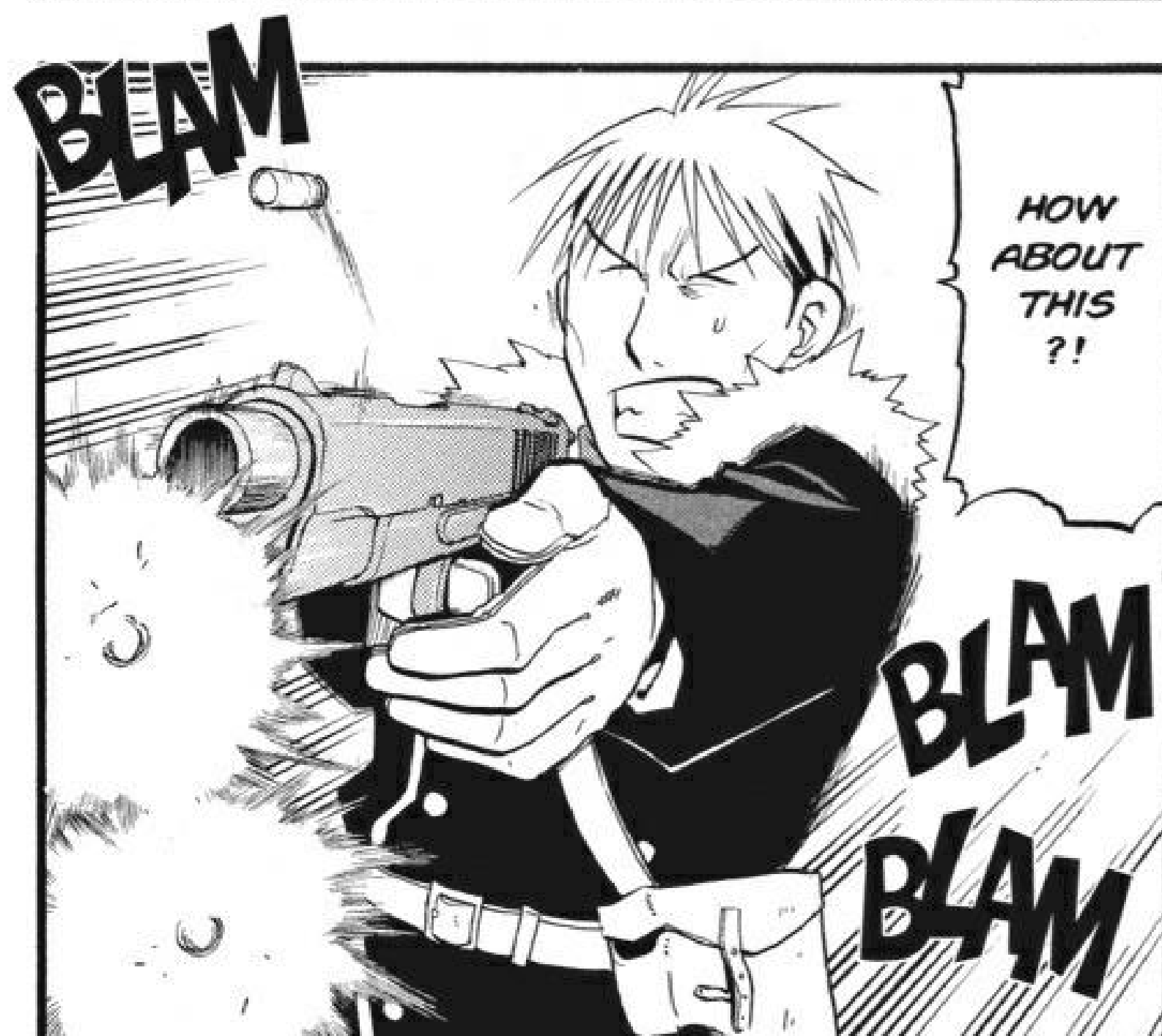


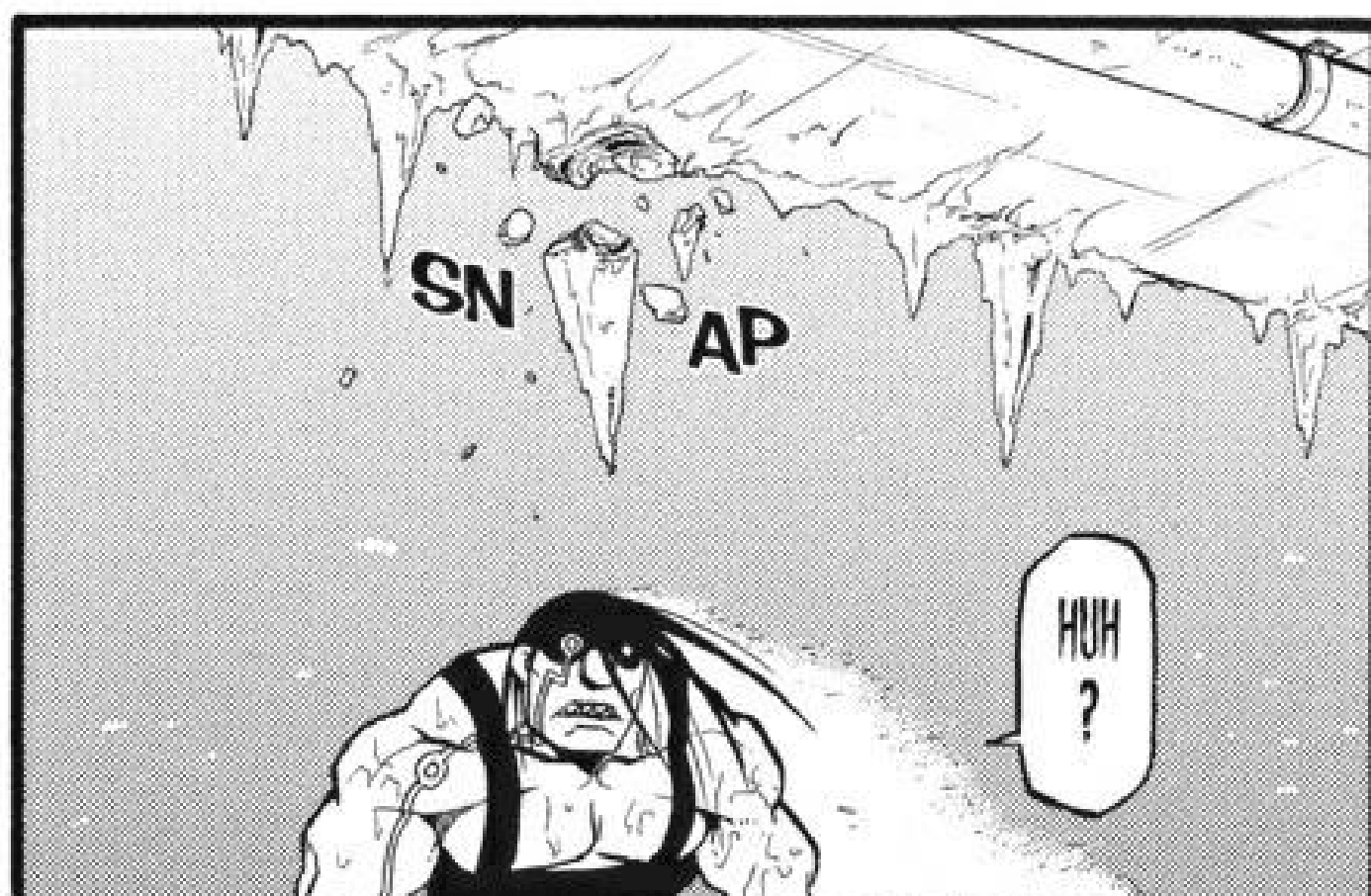


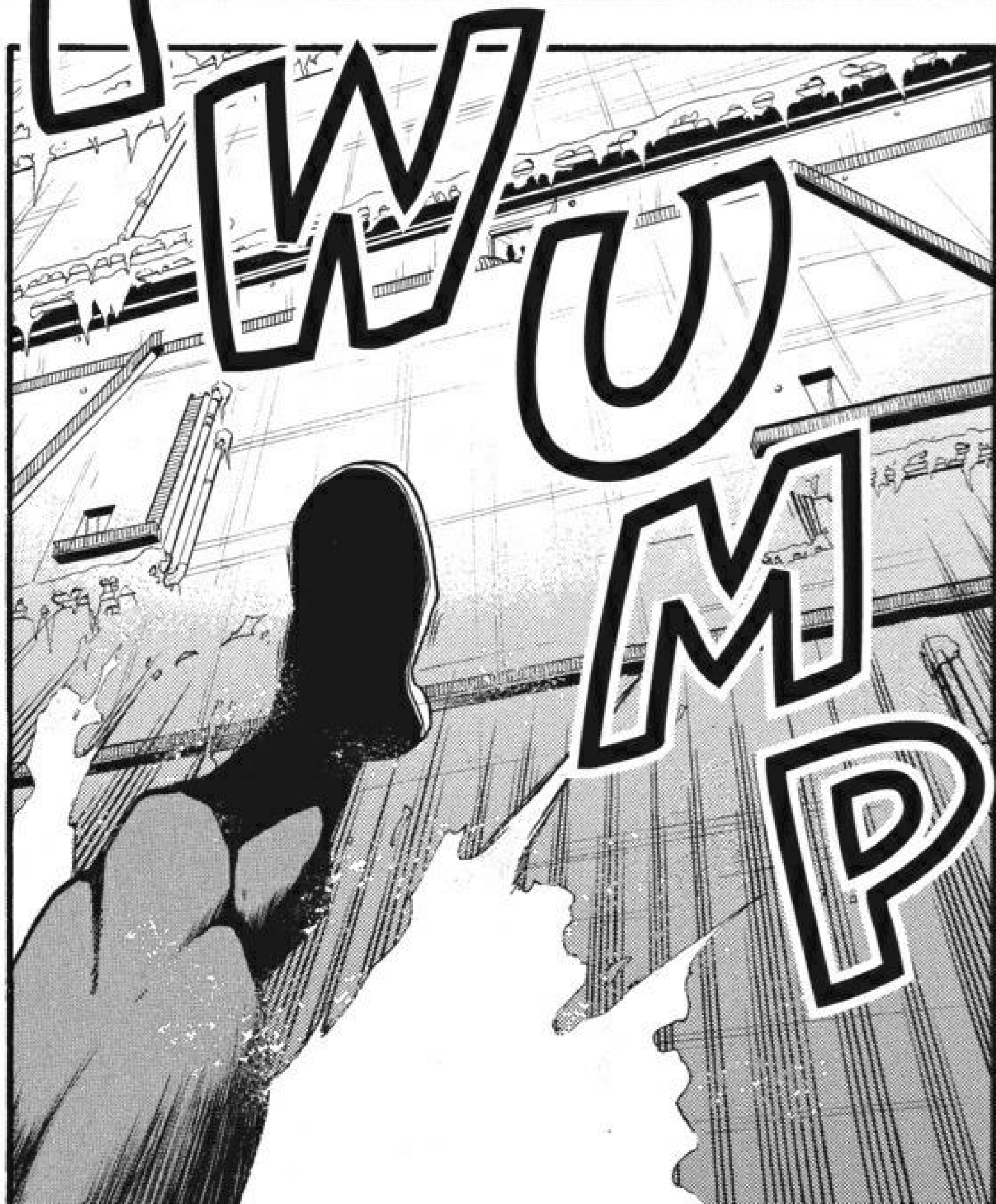


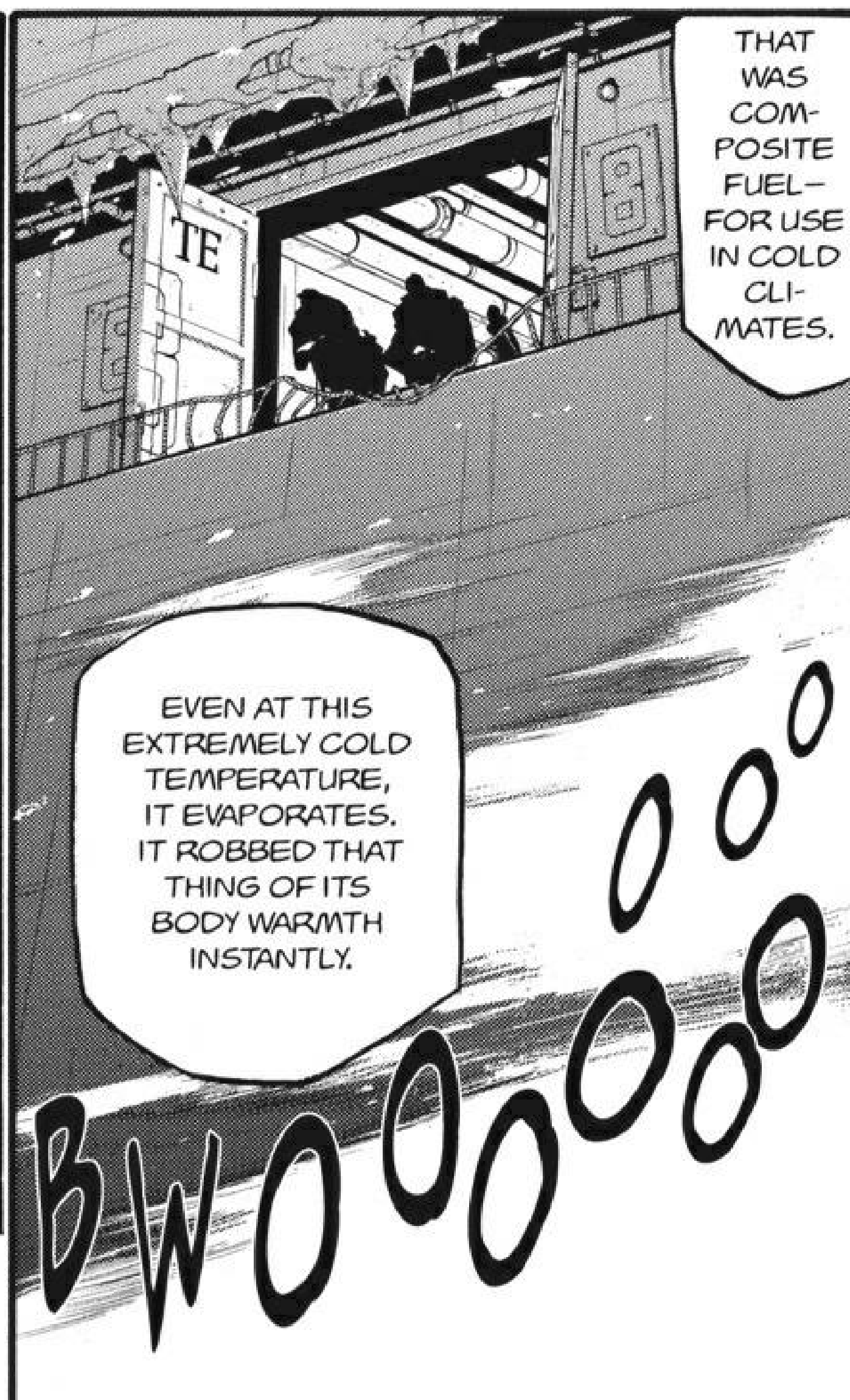




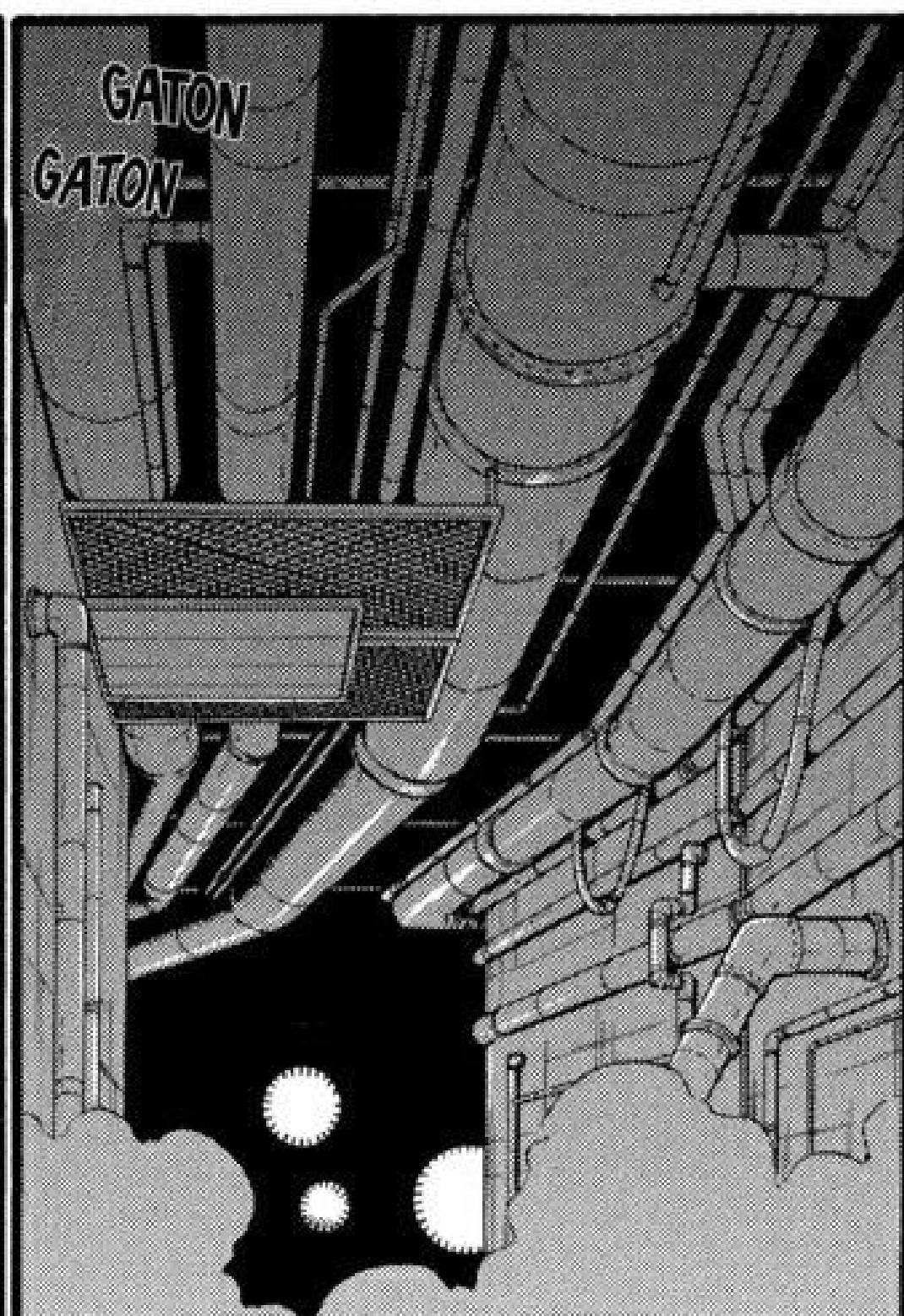
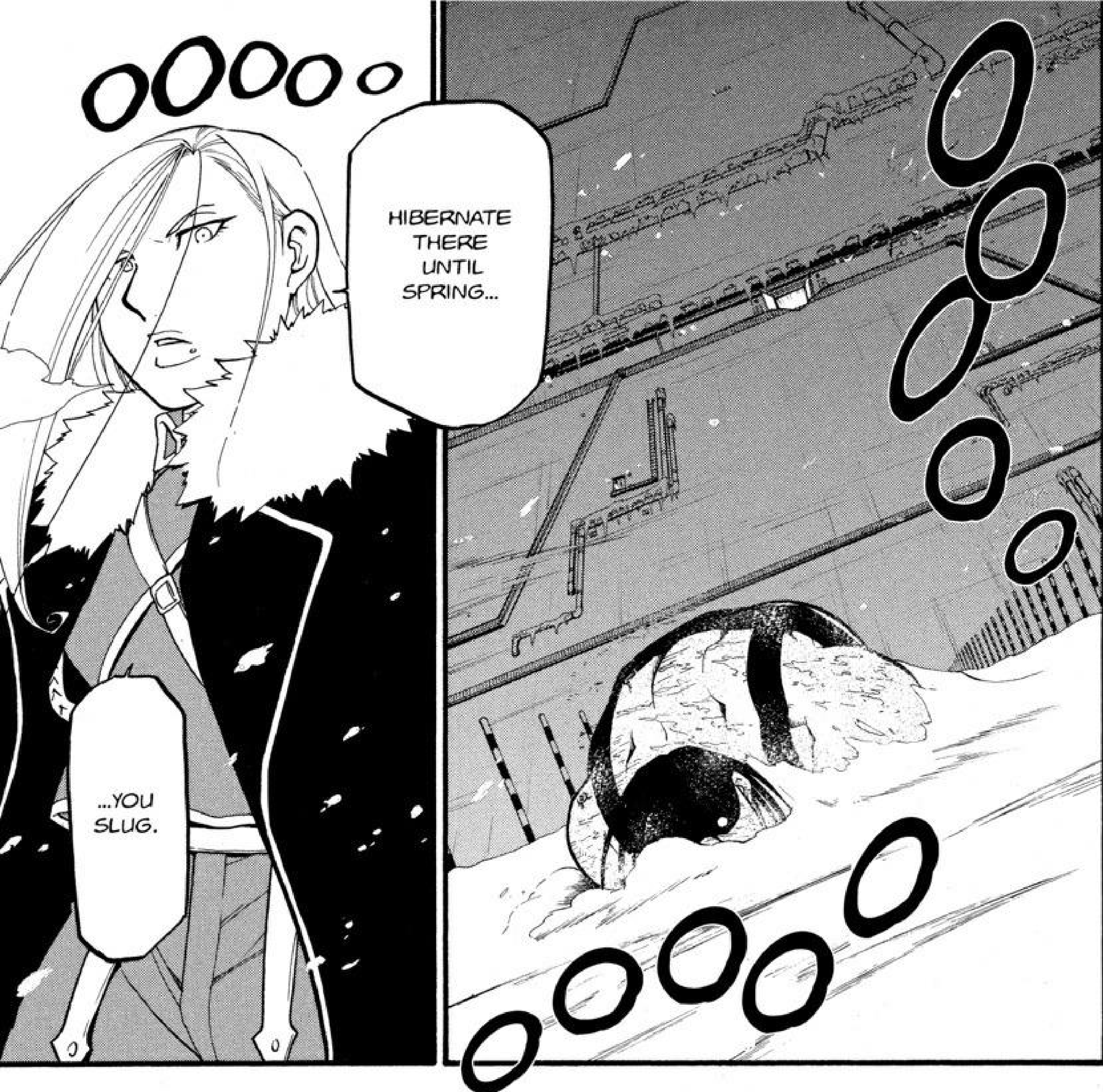










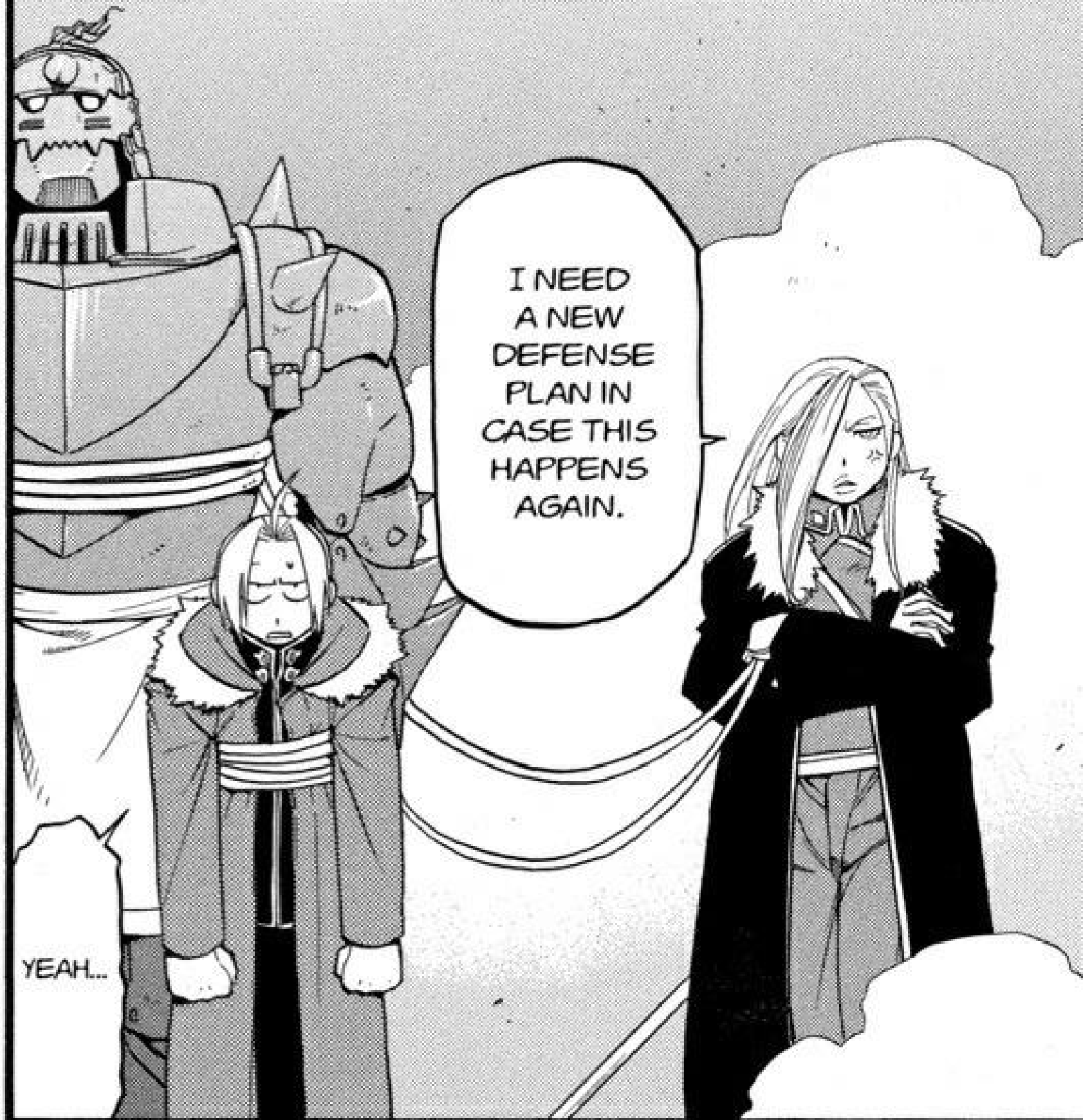




ISN'T THAT BETTER FOR YOU... CONSIDERING YOUR SITUATION?

THIS WAY YOU CAN SAY YOU WERE FORCED TO AID US.

UH... AND THIS?



I NEED A NEW DEFENSE PLAN IN CASE THIS HAPPENS AGAIN.

YEAH...



IF YOU'RE A FRIEND OF THEIRS, THEN THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT YOU KNOW SOMETHING AS WELL.

WHY ME TOO?!

YES, MA'AM...



ALSO, KNOW THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RELEASING YOU UNTIL I FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT BIG MONSTER IS.



THERE WAS AN INCIDENT DURING MIDWINTER... A MOUNTAIN PATROL SQUAD WAS ATTACKED.

ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO...



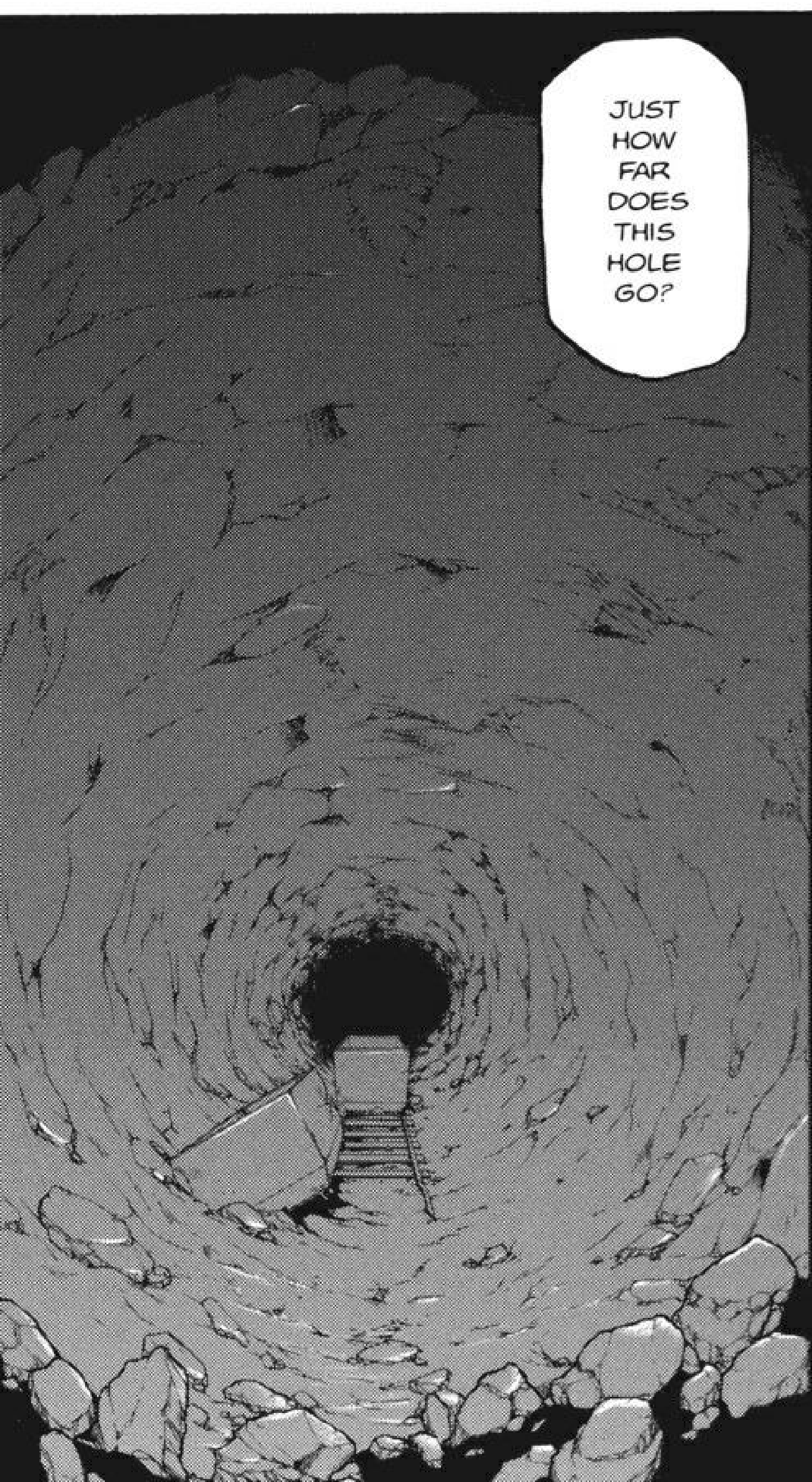
NOT SINCE I ARRIVED.

SO IT DID HAPPEN BEFORE THEN?

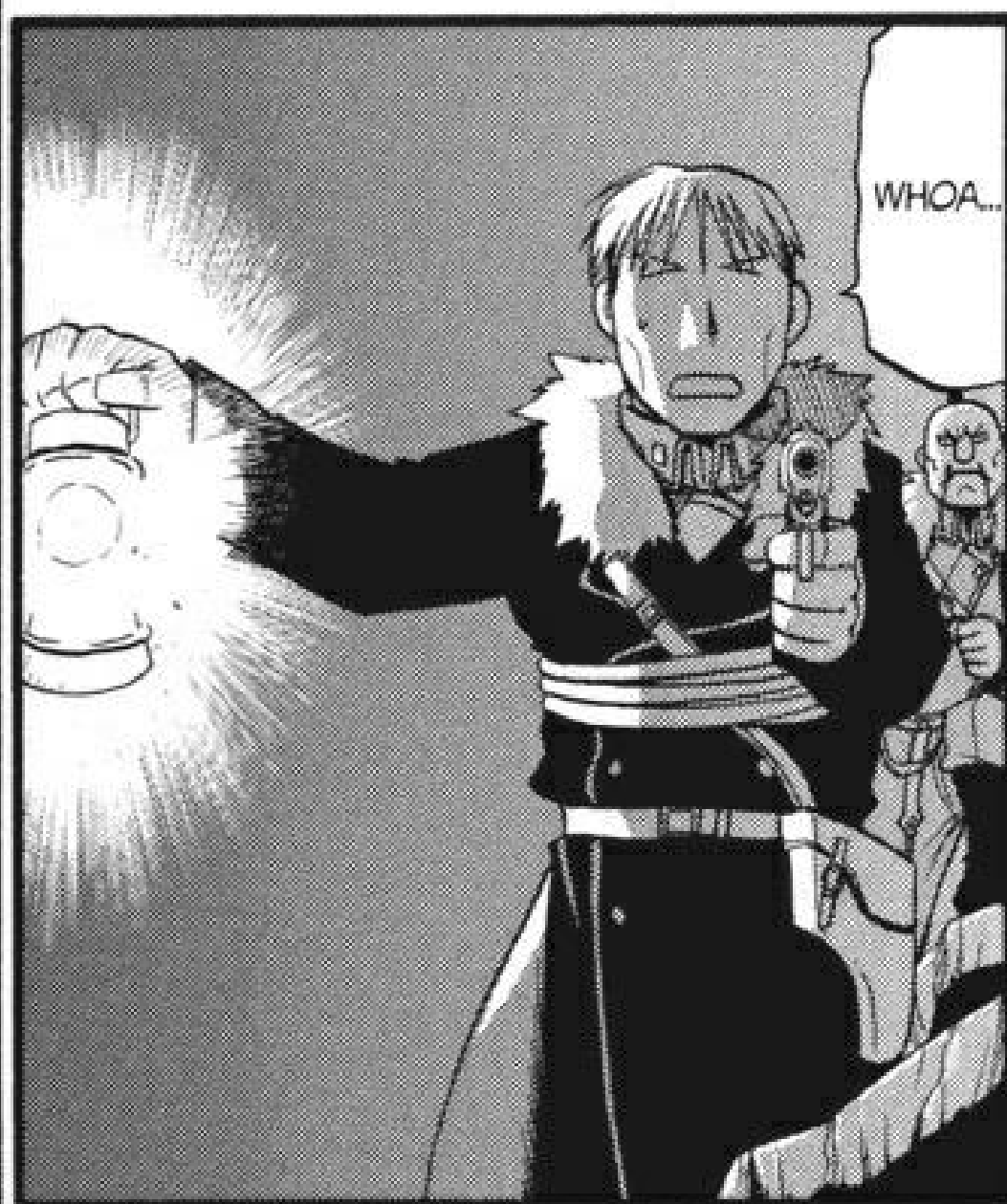
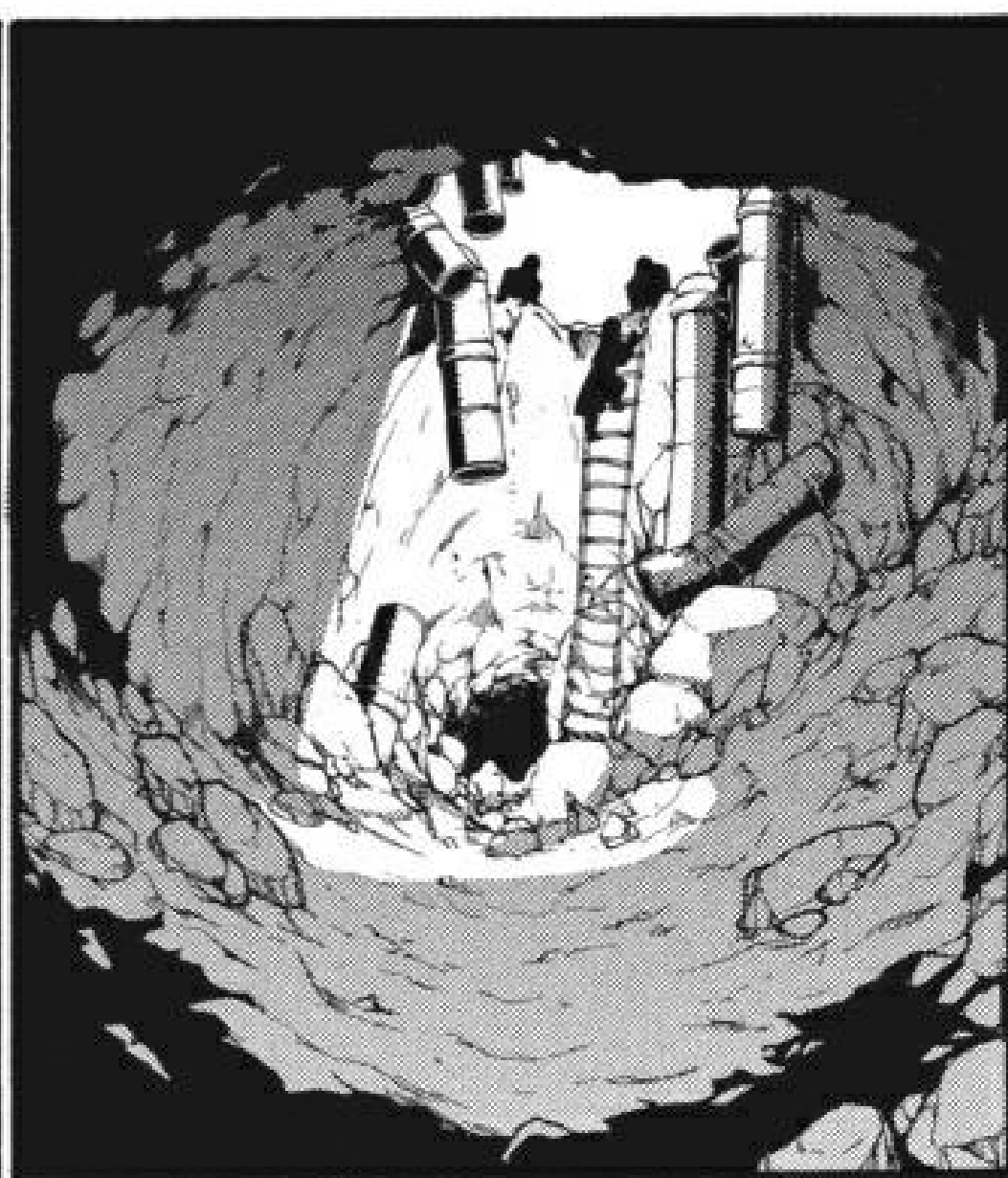


I CAN'T BELIEVE AN INTRUDER MADE IT PAST OUR DEFENSES. IT'S A DISGRACE!

THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE?



JUST HOW FAR DOES THIS HOLE GO?



WHOA...



BULLETS
CAN'T
KILL
IT...
HARD
TO
BE-
LIEVE.

ONE OF
DRACHMA'S
BIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS?

H
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WHAT
THE HELL
IS THIS
THING
ANYWAY
?



OKAY,
OKAY.

SLOSH

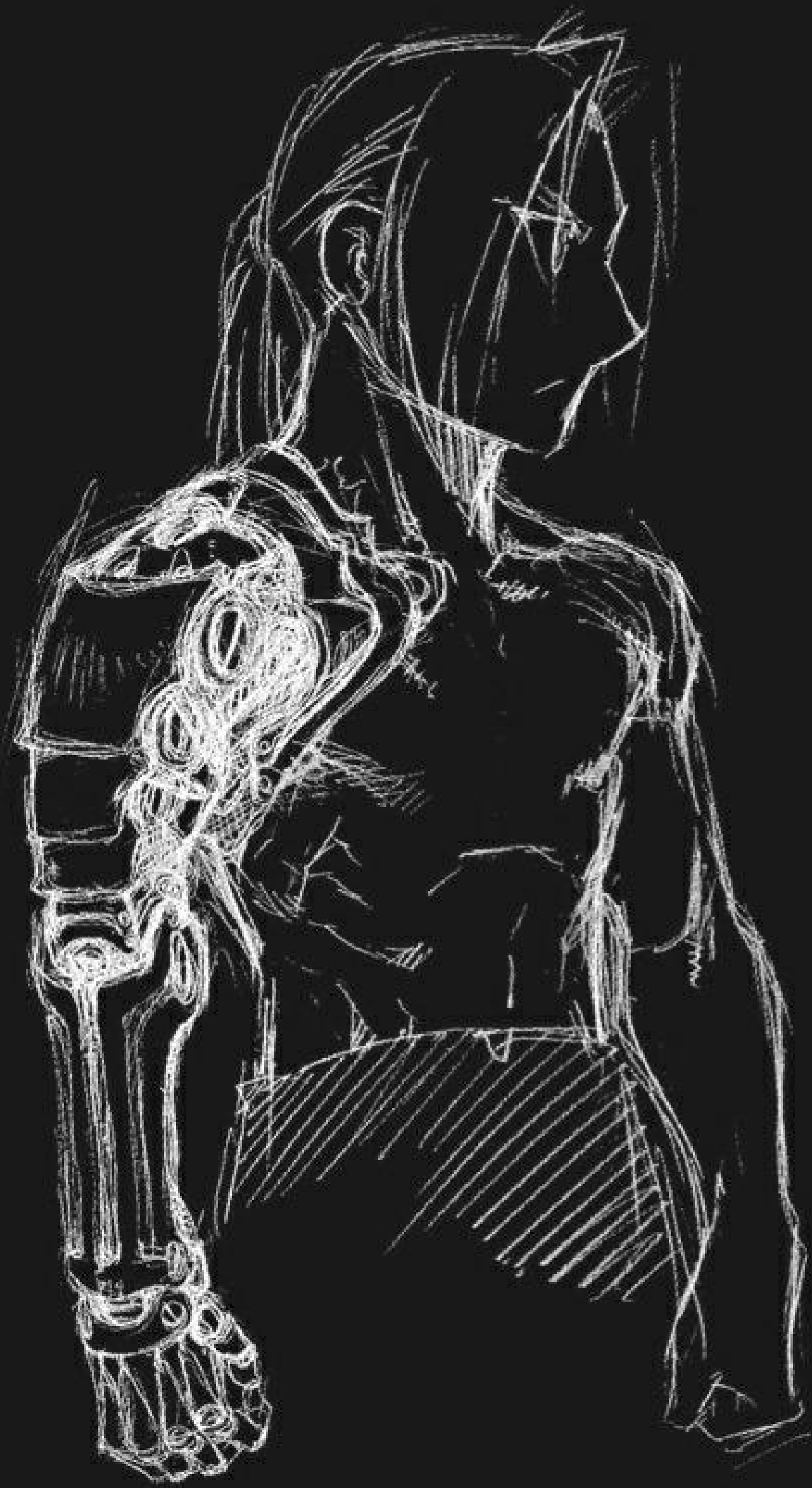
DON'T
LET
YOUR
GUARD
DOWN.
KEEP
POURING
OIL ON
IT SO IT
STAYS
FROZEN.



GEEZ,
IT'S
COLD.

I
CAN'T
WAIT
FOR MY
SHIFT
TO
END.

...JOO
BADM
BADM
MUCH...
oooooooooooooooo





FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST